be eased

Vets fear that Britain's

defence against rabies may

be swept aside if the

government goes along

with EC proposals, Michael Hornsby writes

Dritain's stiff quarantine

controls on rabies could be

lifted for dogs and cats with-

out weakening protection

against the disease, accord-

ing to a report by the Europe-

an Community's scientific veterinary committee. The re-

port says that a combination

of vaccination and blood tests

properly enforced.

British government scien-

tists on the committee and the

sub-group that drew up the

report agree with the advice,

expected to form the basis of a

European Commission pro-

posal for replacing quaran-tine throughout the EC with a

system of pet passports based

The European Community

is standardising animal health regulations in prepa-

ration for the removal of fron-

tier controls when the single

market takes effect next year.

Britain and the Irish repub-

lic, which are alone in requir-

ing quarantine, are under pressure to come into line

with other member countries.

John Gummer, the agricul-

ture minister, has said that he

would consider alternatives to

quarantine if presented with convincing scientific evidence

that they could provide com-

L he British Veterinary As-

sociation (BVA) is alarmed

that the government appears

to be ready to drop quaran-

tine before rables is eradicat-

Paul DeVile, a BVA vice-

president, said yesterday:

There are two main points

that worry us. First, even with blood-testing, no vaccine is 100 per cent effective, and,

second, there is the problem

of identification. How do you know that, say, the black lab-

rador arriving at the port or airport is the same animal

referred to in the accompany-

ing health documents?"
The BVA would be less

worried, Mr DeVile said, if it

ed from the rest of EC.

parable protection.

UN peace mission threatened

# Sarajevo erupts after vote for independence

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SARAJEVO was paralysed last night after at least four people were killed and a ring of barricades thrown up by Serb militants sealed off the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The ethnic violence, sparked by the weekend referendum in which most Muslims and Croats voted for independence from Yugosiavia, jeopardised the United Nations peacekeeping opera-tion in neighbouring Croatia. Banja Luka, a Bosnian gar-

rison town which was to be used as the logistics centre for the UN operation, was also brought to a halt as a contingent of the Yugoslav federal army blockaded itself inside

Random gunfire echoed around Sarajevo as Serb militiamen guarded their barri-cades of buses and refuse trucks and Muslim and Croat gunmen prowled through the

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the Serbs backed down. The Serb minority was also inflamed by the murder of a young man carrying a Serbian flag at a wedding in Sara-

Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Serbian Democratic party which led the Serb boycott of the referendum, said there was a risk of full-scale war if pressure for independence was maintained. "We warned what would happen in the event of demands for an independent Bosnia-Herzegovina," he said. "Northern Ireland would be like a holiday camp compared to

The republic's ethnic composition meant it should stay in Yugoslavia or be turned into a confederation of three sovereign entities. "If not, we will have the same situation here as in Lebanon, Cyprus or

Nagomo-Karabakh." All sides say that a conflict among Bosnia's Muslims. Serbs and Croats would be far deadlier than the civil war in Croatia, where up to 10,000 people, have been killed. Muslims make up 44 lion population, Orthodox Serbs 31 per cent and Roman

Catholic Croats 17 per cent. At least 20 main streets and crossroads were blocked in Sarajevo, best known in history as the place where Austro-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in 1914, spawning the first world war. A crisis headquarters set up in the heavily guarded interior ministry said snipers were lodged in

two buildings. The barricades were erected on the orders of Bosnia's main Serb party and yesterday it was demanding the cancellation of the referen-dum result as the price of peace. Sarajevo airport was

closed last night, public transport was not running, shops were shut and most people were heeding official calls to stay at home.

There were reports of roadblocks in other parts of the republic and unconfirmed allegations that an extremist Croatian paramilitary group had attacked Yugoslav army parracks. There were no signs in Sarajevo, however, that the army was preparing to be-come involved. General Miodrag Kukanjac, the local commander, was quoted as condemning the barricades as "sheer banditry".

UN officials, already facing objections to the estimated £362 million cost of the Croatia peacekeeping operation, have no contingency plans to relocate the headquarters and logistics centre outside Bosmia. Their hopes seem to rest with Cyrus Vance, the UN special envoy, who is considering another trip to Bel-grade, Zagreb and Sarajevo. The Bosnian government has in the past asked for the

deployment of 10,000 UN "blue berets" to maintain peace by monitoring airports and roads, to ensure that the Serb-dominated federal army did not import more weapons into the republic. Despite a security council declaration in January emphasising the importance of "preventive di-plomacy", the UN rejected

Bosnia's request. The Croatian conflict began with Serbs and Croats setting up barricades to sepabeen tense for months, and all sides are well-armed, but they had avoided fighting. In Croatia, President Tudjman urged the UN to send quickly the 14,000 peacekeeping troops planned for Yugoslavia. Intended to cement two months of relative peace in Croatia, they are scheduled to start arriving later this month and to base their operation in Sarajevo. There were reports from the countryside that the

conflict was spreading. There was some good news for Yugoslavia last night: the tiny mountainous republic of Montenegro voted to stay in

City of barricades, page 11

# Tories fear recession may become a slump

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SENIOR ministers now believe that there is a serious danger of Britain's recession turning into a slump as economic troubles in other countries whittle down the export markets on which Britain

depends. Arguing that the arrival in office of an inexperienced Labour government would compound uncertainties, slowing recovery by driving down the value of the pound and forcing increases in interest rates, some want the Conservative campaign to centre on the need for the electorate to leave the economy in the

experienced hands of the

present government. The difficulty with that doomsday scenario is that it would involve the abandonment of efforts to foster the economic optimism which many Tory

strategists have long seen as the key to an election victory. While government campaigners concede that there will be no significant evidence of economic recovery before the election, with the uncertain outcome of the contest itself leading to the postponement of investment and spending decisions, they have Continued on page 16, col 3

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# all chatlines next month

TELEPHONE chatlines. which have resulted in huge bills for addicted callers, are to be silenced next month.

Oftel, the watchdog for Britain's telecommunications industry, said last night it was revoking the operators' code of practice after companies failed to provide £660,000 towards a compensation fund. The money goes to people facing inflated bills because their telephones were used without their knowledge

to ring chatlines. Sir Bryan Carsberg, direc-tor-general of Oftel, said that the code of practice for chatlines would be revoked from 12 noon on April 6. The effect of this would be that neither BT nor Mercury Communications would be

able to provide themselves or provide a telecommunication



service to anyone else to provide a chatline service."

Chatlines have mushroomed and nearly 20,000 are believed to be in operation. Some parents have faced debts of hundreds of pounds after discovering their children spending hours making the calls, which cost up to 48p a minute.

In one incident, Roger Cole, a nightwatchman, ran up a £17,000 chatline bill on his firm's telephone because he was bored and lonely. He was given a 12-month sus-pended prison sentence in February 1990.

A young waiter received a £120 bill after falling asleep for six hours while listening to a chatline at his home in Newcastle upon Tyne. Liverpool council was landed with a £4,000 bill after checks showed that calls to a number providing recorded sex messages came from a room re-served for Labour councillors.

Oftel's announcement followed a report on the state of the compensation fund by the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services. Oftel said Sir Bryan was "no longer satis-fied the code (of practice) makes, or is likely to make. adequate provision for compensating those who suffer as a result of the provision of chatline services".

Even at the cheap rate of 36p per minute, Oftel said that chatline callers had quickly run up big bills.

# uncovered

More than sixty bodies, including those of women and children, have been spotted on hillsides in Nagorno-Karabakh, confirming claims that Armenian troops massacred Azeri refugees. Hundreds of people are missing Page 10

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**Massacre** 

### Cash float

The Wellcome Trust. which owns most of the Wellcome drug group, may float up to £4.5 billion in shares to raise cash for research, the biggest stock market flotation apart from privatisation ........Page 17 Cash boost, page 4

## Trial halted

A burglary trial was halted after nine months at Coventry crown court when the judge ruled that the defendant was suffering severe stress from conducting his own defence......Page 3

### Shilton job

Peter Shilton, the former England goalkeeper who won a record 125 caps, has been appointed playermanager of Plymouth . Page 28

# The prince battles for Brie

By Michael Hornsby

THE Prince of Wales has trained his ideological guns on the "bacteriological police" in Brussels who he claims are seeking to deprive all those who love good food of the delights of microbeladen French cheeses in the

name of hygiene. In a speech last night in Paris to the France-Grande Bretagne Association, he painted an alarming picture of bureaucratic interference with our choice of food "spreading like an uncontrollable bacteria". As far as the food was concerned, he was declared his readiness to take up arms against anyone try-

ing to eliminate them.

The prince speaking in French and English, asked: "In a bacteriologically correct society, what will become of Brie de Meaux, the Crottin de Chavignol or the Bleu d'Auvergne ? In a microbefree, progressive and genetically engineered future, what hope is there for the old-fashioned Fourme d'Ambert, the malformed Gruyère de Comte or the odorous Pont

# commendations

from IBM.

Personal



The first personal computer company in Britain ever to be awarded the British Standard 5750 seal of quality was IBM.

# M4 bridge on the move

2,000-tonne Ingst Road bridge over the M4 east of the Severn bridge completed its final journey yesterday evening, more than a day and a

half lare (Lin Jenkins writes). Continued on page 16, col 6

After a weekend of what was described by the transport department as hitchesand by those caught in the traffic jams caused by the delay in other terms, the reinforced concrete bridge was

way early in the evening. The delays to the original plan of moving the bridge off the motorway on a giant

transporter by Sunday morning prompted a government apology. Lord Brabazon of Tara, transport minister, told the Lords that "the method of demolishing this bridge was very carefully considered".

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# Fish skin shoes scaling new heights of fashion

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

STEPPING out in a fashionable pair of hand-stitched haddock loafers. tuna trainers, pilchard slip-ons or cod skin brogues could soon be all the rage among the well-heeled and envi-

ronmentally conscious. British cobblers are claiming to have solved the technical difficulties of turning waste fish skins into footwear, paving the way for new kinds of shoe leather that are sturdy, aesthetic and, not surprisingly, wonderfully durable in the wet. While most people are just happy to see salmon on the menu, Lori Duffy and Nicky Lawler believe they might look just as

good on people's feet. "We heard that some research was being done into making fish skin into hide. In fact Burberry's were using it for small purses. So we designed a pair of shoes and asked a factory in



Lori Duffy and Nicky Lawler with a salmon skin shoe

they found it too difficult," explained

The difficulty hinged on the inability of salmon skin to withstand the intense heat and cold used in forming a shoe's toe and back parts and

Northampton to make them up but special glues were needed for setting. "The skin just shrivels up . . . like fish skins do when you cook them," said Miss Duffy, aged 23, who met Miss Lawler, aged 24, while studying at Cordwainers Technical College in Hackney, London.

stretching or lasting and smoothing the skin. The new process, devised with a traditional shoe-making firm in Northampton, removes the need for extreme temperatures leaving the fish skin pristine. The team, who use around four salmon per pair of shoes, are keeping

Undaunted, the team began re-

searching into new ways of forming

their novel process a trade secret. However, Miss Duffy said they now relied less on machines and more on "old craft ways". Machinery has also been removed from some of the folding processes "because the scales would get caught up in the machinery and the skin would just tear".

Miss Duffy, who said that the shoes resembled snake skin, explained that because the skins are a by-product of the Scottish salmon industry they are environmentally sound. The skin, which is tanned

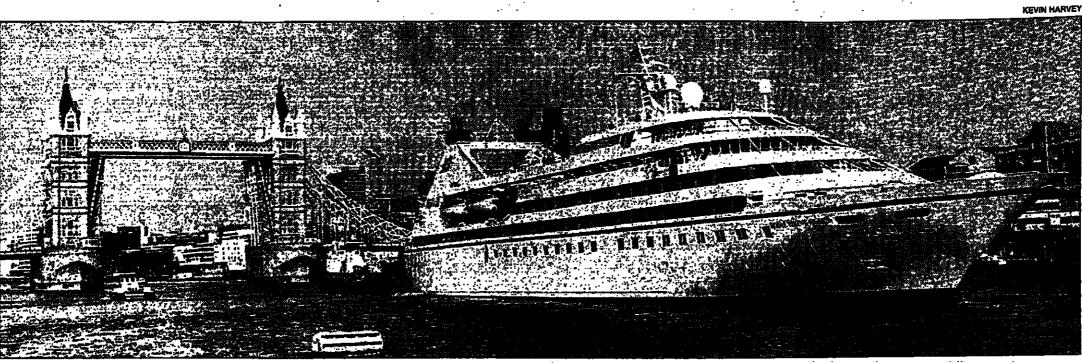
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Grand entrance: the 10,000-ton Royal Viking Queen passing under Tower Bridge yesterday before her maiden voyage later this month. Built at a cost of £50 million, she will carry 212 passengers

Election security

# Democrats' doubts stall legislation

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

EMERGENCY legislation lifting the obligation on election candidates to declare their addresses was being held up last night because of doubts in the Liberal Democratic party over its likely effectiveness. At the same time anger emerged in the Labour leadership over the government's decision to announce the move at the weekend after a period of heightened IRA activity.

Labour had indicated its approval to the measure three weeks ago in confidential exchanges with Kenneth Baker, the home secretary. But it had suggested that the change, which involves a short bill amending the Representation of the People Act, should be introduced in a way that avoided handing a propaganda weapon to the terrorists.

"The last thing we wanted was a fanfare," a senior Labour source said yesterday. "This looks like a knee-jerk reaction and it was not what

we intended." Some Conservative MPs have similar reservations about the proposal. Mr Baker confirmed the legislation on Sunday after a newspaper report about consultations between the parties. Government sources denied responsibility for the

disclosure of the talks.

While Labour will support the bill the government is waiting for the Liberal Democrats to agree before going ahead. The government had hoped to make an announcement of all-party agreement last night but Robert Maclennan, Liberal Democrat home affairs spokesman, has asked for meetings with Mr Baker and John MacGregor, the Commons leader, to discuss the security implications.

According to Liberal Democrat sources there is considerable scepticism over whether terrorist organisations would be thwarted in their efforts to discover the addresses of politicians purely

because they no longer appeared on election material.
Liberal Democrat sources also said the government should think carefully before interfering with the right of voters to know if candidates lived locally.

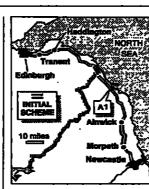
Government sources said it was unlikely that the bill would go ahead if there was no all-party agreement.

Ministers are considering whether to take a more robust line in the face of IRA bomb attacks and warnings, to minimise the dislocation of

life in London and the economic damage caused by the latest bombing campaign (Robin Oakley writes).

The prime minister is to discuss with the home secretary and other ministers whether British Rail termini and the Underground should be closed after a bomb alert one station.

Ulster talks, page 1 Morpeth, about 1 Leading article, page 13 north of Newcastle.



# Al stretch to be upgraded

By Kerry Gill

A £200 million scheme to upgrade a notoriously dangerous stretch of the A1 between central Northumberland and Edinburgh to dual
carriageway, was announced by Malcolm Rifkind, the
transport secretary.

yesterday.

The decision to improve the main east coast route, formerly part of the Great North Road, north of Newcastle upon Tyne comes after a lengthy campaign on both sides of the border. In the past ten years 133 people have died in accidents on the AI between Edinburgh and Morpeth, about 16 miles north of Newcastle.

# Order for Trident will be delayed

By ROBIN OAKLEY AND MICHAEL EVANS

THE government is now not expected to order the fourth Trident submarine before the general election. Ministers have conceded that negotiations with the Barrow shipbuilders, VSEL, are still some way from completion.

Protracted bargaining over the cost of the final order will mean that the future of the fourth boat will remain uncertain. If Labour wins the election, it may never be

Navy sources yesterday confirmed that £400 million would be saved if the fourth Trident was cancelled, although they warned that the longer the delay in cancelling, the greater the cost to the taxpayer.

The sources also disclosed that the last Polaris ballistic missile submarine could remain in service until early next century, as part of the programme for phasing in the new generation Trident system and phasing out the old nuclear boats.

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On the eve of the launch of HMS Vanguard, the first Trident submarine, tomorrow, the sources said there was an option to retain one Polaris boat for another seven or eight years. The submarine with a possible extended lifespan is HMS Renown, which is currently undergoing a two-year refit. The fills million refit is not due to be completed until the end of

None of the three other Polaris boats is to be refitted, so HMS Renown will be the last of the older generation submarines to go on patrol. If she is kept in service for the maximum period, it will mean that Polaris boats will have acted as Britain's strategic deterrent for more than 30 years.

However, the availability of HMS Renown for up to eight more years is not being seen as a stopgap in the event of a decision not to buy a fourth Trident boat. The government remains committed to ordering a fourth and the Royal Navy departments involved in the Trident programme continue to base their whole strategy on having four submarines.

# No let-up in house price fall

House prices fell again last month despite efforts by the government and lenders to breathe life into the market, according to a survey by the Nationwide building society (Michael Horsnell writes).

Figures showed prices down 1.2 per cent on the previous month, the third consecutive fall of more than 1 per cent. The average house now costs £55,308, about £2,300 or 4.1 per cent less than a year ago.

A survey by the Alliance

and Leicester building society found that nearly one million people would buy a house this year and, despite the depressed market, eight out of ten still believed home buying was a good investment.

It said there would be about 450,000 first-time buyers

It said there would be about 450,000 first-time buyers and another 500,000 would move. The estimate compares with 2.1 million transactions at the height of the boom in 1988.

Saatchi gift

Heseltine

to set new

gas target

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ENVIRONMENT

CORRESPONDENT

THE government's target for

stabilising emissions of the

principal greenhouse gas,

carbon dioxide, at present the

year 2005 - five years behind

the European Community

date - may be brought forward, Michael Heseltine, the

environment secretary, told a

preparatory meeting in New

York for the United Nations

conference on environment and development, the Earth

Summit, to be held in Rio de

Although his announce

ment was conditional, and specified no new target date,

it represents the first time the

government has envisaged a

shift from the present target,

which has been set in stone

since it was announced in the

1990 environment white

paper, to a chorus of angry

criticism from environmental

pressure groups, who said it was far too lax.

Chris Rose, of Greenpeace,

said: "This is the first sign of

sanity in the government's

greenhouse policy although it still falls far short of what we

are seeking."

Janeiro in June.

Charles Saarchi, of the Saatchi and Saatchi advertising agency, has given nine contemporary paintings and sculptures worth an estimated £100,000 to the Tate Gallery. The gift includes work by Grenville Davey, Richard Deacon, Jeffrey Dennis, Lisa Milroy, John Murphy, Julian Opie, Veronica Ryan, Richard Wentworth and Victor Willing. They will go on show this autumn.

### Overtime ban

Workers in the TGWU union at the Vauxhall plant in Luton will ban overtime in an attempt to force the company to raise its pay offer. Vauxhall is offering a two year package —5 per cent this year with an increase in line with the Retail Price Index lazer.

### Virus alert

A computer virus called Michelangelo is set to activate itself on Friday, birth date of the 16th century painter, possibly disrupting thousands of systems throughout the country. Scotland Yard said last night. The virus overwrites files with gibberish.



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trial after 9 months SCOUNTY TO SERVICE TO Michael ONE of Britain's longest and Pinney Transport most unusual criminal trials was halted yesterday when a State of the state man accused of burglary was ruled by the judge to be suffering severe stress caused by conducting his own defence. The hearing, which began

> to have cost £1 million. Judge Nicholl told the jury at Coventry crown court that the defendant, Denis Morley, aged 50, had displayed signs of considerable stress. Matters had "come to a head" on February 14 when Mr Morley threw a microphone from the dock that struck a desk between a 'shorthand writer and court usher before bouncing over the bench and hitting a wall behind the

nine months ago, is estimated

Judge Nicholl said that the jurors would be discharged from their duties, which began on May 20, without bringing in verdicts on three charges. Medical evidence suggested Mr Morley could not continue to conduct his own defence and there was get to gripe" with the case. The Crown Prosecution

Law studies put accused under stress

Judge halts burglary

Service is to decide in the next two weeks whether he should be retried on charges of burgling Mannington Hall, on the Norfolk estate of Lord Walpole, burgling a property in Cumbria and a charge of handling stolen goods. Mr Morley, who was on legal aid, had pleaded not guilty and claimed that evidence had been fabricated by the police. He had exercised a common law right going back centu-ries to defend himself, but during the hearing was sentenced to a period of imprisonment for contempt of

He had been remanded in custody for three years and three months since his arrest in November 1988 but was freed on bail on Friday pending yesterday's ruling by Judge Nicholl.

The case has aroused considerable interest in legal cir-cles, not least for Mr Morley's

# Guinness juror discusses case

Public comment by a jury foreman raises questions about more than the handling of complex fraud cases, Frances Gibb writes

THE public defence of juries in complex fraud cases by the foreman of the jury in the second Guinness trial yesterday will recharge the debate on whether juries should be scrapped for such trials.

The foreman, Edna Wijeratna, said in a letter to the Financial Times that the jurors had not found it unduly difficult to understand the evidence. Instead, their main frustration had been "the very slow rate of progress, caused chiefly by the way in which Mr Roger Seelig conducted

his own defence" Yesterday Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorneygeneral, confirmed that the government was looking at ways of "securing quicker jus-tice", but said: "The government's mind is not made up and all suggestions will be sensibly looked at." Speaking at Commons question time, he referred to Mrs Wijeratna's letter and seemed to give his support to the

present jury system.

He said: "I think recent comment has been disfigured by a good deal of misinforma-tion." The Court " tion Office, set up three years ago, had achieved a "strikingly successful rate of success in what are serious and complex frauds".

Mrs Wijeratna's comments will focus attention on whether judges should have more power to control the passage of a trial where a defendant acts for himself, and on whether the law should allow jurors to speak about their

Sir Patrick told the Commons: "There is no means at present by which a judge can sufficiently control the length of time that is taken by a defendant, particularly one who is defending himself."

In her letter, Mrs Wijeratna disclosed that ju-rors in the Guinness trial. which collapsed after psychiarrists found the defendant to be suffering from strain, had

wondered whether "the consideration extended to Mr Seelig would have been forthcoming for a defendant in

humbler circumstances". Mrs Wijeratna's decision to write to the press may prompt other jurors to speak out. Under the Contempt of Court Act 1981, however, it is a contempt punishable by a fine or imprisonment to tell anyone about any statement made, opinions expressed, arguments advanced, or votes



Wijeratna: disclosed jurors' opinions

cast by members of the jury in the jury room, or for any person to ask a jury about such information, even after the trial is over.

There is growing pressure for the law to be relaxed. The present research into the crown courts by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is questioning jurors for the first time about their treatment, their views of the trial, and whether they understood the evidence.

In the United States, jurors are free after a trial to speak out or even sell their stories. After the recent trial for rape of the boxer Mike Tyson, the jury held a press conference explaining how they had arri-ved at their guilty verdict, and describing how their votes had shifted during dis-

not enough time for defence long cross-examinations and counsel to be appointed and his determination to subpoena witnesses and call for police documents.

The jury had not been in court since January 6, when a long period of legal submissions began and the court considered Mr Morley's medical condition.

While on remand at Birmingham's Winson Green prison, Mr Morley, originally from Nottinghamshire, turned his cell into a legal chambers containing an estimated half a ton of evidence and legal textbooks, which he hours. The dock of the crown court was converted to accommodate the documents.

Excusing the jurors from jury service for life, the judge id yesterday: "I trust no jury will have to undergo in future all you have had to endure. It is essential some means is devised in a trial such as this to define clearly beforehand all the evidence and documents required to be ob-tained, copied and reduced to manageable proportions be-fore the trial begins."

He added that recent medical examinations showed Mr Morley was displaying clear evidence of considerable stress, worsened by sleep deprivation, and could not proceed.

Mr Morley, addressing the jury, joined the judge in thanking them for their pa-tience and said he was sorry no verdict had been returned. He added: "I have no doubt that if we had reached the end of the case it would have been impossible legally to bring in a guilty verdict."

Before the case ended. Judge Nicholl and Mr Mor-ley clashed one last time. The judge tried to intervene when Mr Morley said that 30 police diaries and 20 police notebooks had gone missing. Mr Morley said he had sought to have the trial ended because of breach of process by the prosecution. He added: "This prosecution was on the point of collapse several weeks ago. They were looking for ways to sneak out of the case. This is not the end of this case by a long shot . . . '



# Actresses stage protest over pay

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

ACTRESSES sometimes earn less than a third of actors' incomes and are offered fewer roles, according to a report published yesterday by Equity, the actors'

Average annual earnings for men were £36,843 while women were paid £11,431, according to a survey based on 410 responses to 1,000 questionnaires sent to Equity members. Susannah York, one of the

actors who attended the press conference launching the report, said that discrimination was not confined to little known actors. In a recent production in which she received top billing, but which she would not identify for fear of reprisals against others in the cast, she was paid 30 per cent less than her male co-star and 25

per cent less than a supporting actor.

Miss York's latest television appearance was in the BBC1 serial Trainer in which she appears with Nigel Davenport, the president of Equity. She said: "When I complained I was told that there wasn't enough money to pay me more. This isn't even a feminist point, it's one of simple

Jill Gascoigne said that actresses would not be prepared to make a test case for fear of victimisation. "They would never work again," she said, adding: "In the future, when the 'Doomsday archive' of television recordings of the late 20th century is excavated, people will believe that the world was

predominantly male." Equal Opportunities in the Mechanical Media is based on a survey carried out by Helen Thomas of Goldsmiths' College, University of London. It shows that average earnings for men in television were twice as much as those for women; that men earned more from commercials by a ratio of 2.5 to 1; and that men earn 3.5 times more than women from radio work, in which they had three times as many single engagements. In the

many roles for men. The fault lay not so much with writers as with executives, according to Alan Plater, a television scriptwriter and president of the Writers' Guild. "The population is 50 per cent women and 50 per cent men, but when you get to executive levels in television that 50-50 ratio hits a

cinema there were twice as

little landmine," he said. Women's acting careers also take a less positive course than men's, the report shows. Actresses are busiest when they are under 30; between 40 and 49 men get twice as much work as women. After 50, the ratio becomes more even. The BBC denied discrimi-

nation. "Exactly the same criteria are applied to women as to men," said a spokesman. "They get paid the same, and as for women's roles we need only point to series like Rides, Making Out and House of Eliott which have predominantly female parts."

Ian McGarry, general secretary of Equity, said the union was seeking meetings with the BBC, ITV companies, advertising agencies and film makers.

# Police fire Kiszko doctor

A doctor whose tests helped clear a man wrongly convicted of murder has had his contract as a police surgeon ended after 25 years service.

Dr Edward Tierney, who ordered the sperm tests which led to the freeing last month of Stefan Kiszko, who had served 16 years of a life sentence, said he believed he was sacked because he had demanded that police surgeons should be independent of the police and Crown Prosecution Service.

Dr Tierney called for inde-pendent police surgeons in a letter to David Waddington, the then home secretary, who had defended Mr Kiszko.

### Lawyers pull out of duty rota

Solicitors in Devon yesterday became the first to take full scale industrial action in protest at government proposals for fixed fees in magistrates' courts. They started a month-long withdrawal from the duty rota schemes in courts

and police stations. If police fail to find a solicitor by telephoning round, they will be obliged to charge them without interview. A Devon Law Society spokesman said: "We feel we have to take this stand for the sake of the future of legal

### Murder hunt

Police issued posters of the missing neighbour of Adele James, who was found mur-dered on mud flats near her home in Pembroke Dock. Dyfed. Checks are being made at ports and airports for William O'Donnell, a Scotsman, aged 36, who disap-peared on Friday, the day Mrs James's body was found on mud flars. Police said they had received a good response to appeals for information.

### Twyford threat

Ministers will take "whatever action is necessary" to ensure that work on the final section of the M3 through Twyford Down in Hampshire begins on schedule, a transport department spokesman said. The warning includes the threat of a court injunction to remove protesters from the River Itchen watermeadows site of special scientific inter-

# Gang threatened to torture dealer

and threatened with torture by a gang who ordered him to hand over valuable Russian treasures and sell them his £385,000 house, a court was

ed swallowing tablets placed in his mouth by his kidnappers and refused to sign documents that had been drawn up on his company's notenaper. He escaped from a cup-board in a house where he was being held and raised the alarm, said Andrew Brierley, prosecuting at the Central Crimminal Court.

Sheldon Davies, aged 28, a market porter, pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnap,

AN ART dealer was kid-napped, bundled into a car than the building.

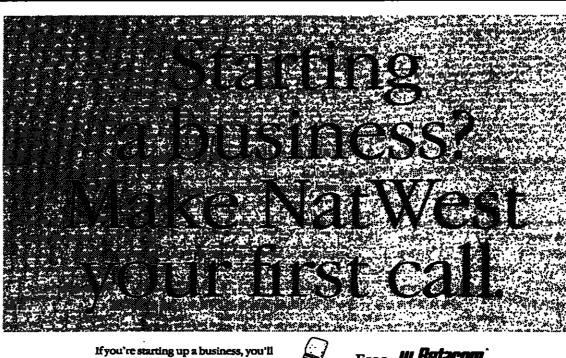
John Gaze, aged 44, avoid-

false imprisonment and biackmail. The jury was told that a second man, Sacheverell de Houghton. aged 52, has admitted the charges and a third member of the gang has not yet been caught. Mr Gaze, an expert on Rus-

sian fine art, put his house in east London up for sale last June. A man sent by the estate agents began acting suspiciously, paying more attention to the house contents

Mr Brierley said the man was de Houghton who turned up again two weeks later with two other men pretending to be making a delivery. Mr Gaze was grabbed from be-hind and a jacket was put over his head. He was told the tablets would put him to sleep but kept them beneath his

Mr Gaze was then taken to a house in east London, undressed and told he would be tortured if he did not cooperate. The kidnappers asked him about alarms and panic buttons at his home and his shop in Piccadilly. They demanded information about his finances and tried to persuade him to sign documents handing over his home and art treasures. The trial



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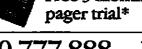
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# Dolphin Freddie abandons port

By ROBIN YOUNG

FREDDIE, the bottle-nosed dolphin whose enthusiasm for human companionship transformed the Northumber land coal and fishing port of Amble into a tourist attraction, has abandoned the seaside village which he adopted five years ago. He went at the weekend, and al-

though there was a report of a sighting at Tynemouth, 25 miles along the coast, on Sunday, his whereabouts are unknown. After years of consorting with humans wearing wetsuits and flippers, he may have swum into the North Sea to look for another dolphin. Freddie's sex life was the focus of national attention last year when Alan Cooper, an animal activist, was cleared

of outraging public decency by playing with Freddie's erect penis. Peter Bloom, Amble's dolphin adviser and curator of a dolphinarium in Flamingo Land, Yorkshire, had expressed concern that some swimmers who braved the chill of the ocean to swim with Freddy were arousing him sexually and possibly making him frustrated.

Amble, population 5,000, is on the estuary of the salmon-rich Coquet river, but is not the most picturesque Northumbrian coast resort. The town



Making waves: Freddie became a

controversial tourist attraction will sorely miss Freddie, who in five years achieved what the Northumbria Tourist Board could not manage in 20, putting Amble up with Lourdes and

Bayreuth as a place of pilgrimage.

With the unexpected advent of a cosmopolitan crowd of dolphin-fanciers, guest houses, bars and souvenirs proliferated, and a restaurant in Amble was named in Freddie's honour. There is a Dolphin Rest Home.

John Hedley, the mayor of Amble,

sence may have on the local economy. "He will be sorely missed because quite a bit of industry has been set up around him," he said. George Easton, who ran boat trips to see the dolphin, said: There is a funny atmosphere in the harbour without

Freddie. Everyone is keeping their fingers crossed that he will come back. "He has been an asset to the town but he is more than that to the locals. He has become our friend. But he is a wild creature and under contract to uo

Freddie was not the first companionable dolphin to adopt an area of the British coastline as a gambolling ground. In the 1970s a dolphin called Donald kept holidaymakers enter-tained off Douglas on the Isle of Man, and later there was Percy off Cornwall.

and Simo on the Welsh coast. Most recently another lone dolphin known as Dorad has been attracting record numbers of visitors to Dingle in

Amble is torn between relief that Fred-

die has returned to the wild and the

Cruising dolphins L&T section, page (

# Politicians queue to board Heseltine demolition bandwagon

Michael Heseltine is not alone when it comes to having strong views on what faceless London buildings should come down, Marcus Binney has discovered

TORY politicians are expected to leap on the Heseltine bandwagon by nominating their own lists of London eyesores to be

Following an announce-ment by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, that he planned to demolish the hated towers in Marsham Street which house his department, David Weeks, Council, has produced his own shortlist of candidates for demolition.

The list is headed by the London Hilton in Park Lane. Mr Weeks blames Tory prime minister Harold MacMillan for pressurising Westminster council to grant permission for a Trojan horse. "Everything followed on from that," he said.

This has brought an angry reaction from Michael Schutzendorf, general manager of the Hilton. "It's preposterous. We have spent millions of pounds refurbishing the building. The 625 staff here are incensed that their work over 25 years can be so ridiculed. It should be

tribute £1.6 million to Westminster in rates each year." Politicians of other councils up and down the country can be expected to join in as

there are few easier ways of catching headlines. Following the publication of a hit list in The Times, numerous readers have responded with suggestions. High on the list of most people are the high rise hotels around London parks and those which over-shadow traditional squares. These are followed by gov-

ernment departments. Mr Heseltine could find few surer guarantees of popularity than to change portfolio every six months announcing the demolition of ministeries as he went, beginning with the Home Office and trade and industry department.

The attack on London's eyesores was initially led by the Prince of Wales who described the National Theatre "as a clever way of building a nuclear power station in the middle of London without anyone objecting." and savaged "the jostling scrum of skyscrapers competing for attention" around St Paul's. While it is easy to





molition, the recent disputes over Paternoster Square around St Paul's suggests that it will be far harder to reach agreement on what they should be replaced with.

good word to say about the bland concrete buildings around the cathedral, furious opposition has developed to successive schemes to replace them. In a recent exhi-bition, the Royal Fine Art

Commission pointed out that it had opposed the erection of the Hilton hotel, the Knightsbridge Barracks and the Royal Lancaster around

David Hope, is being urged to draw up a strategy for the historic churches in the City of London (Ruth Gledhill

Heritage groups believe

Bath and Bristol.

that he should put together a

problems which also affect churches in other historic cities such as York, Norwich.

The City's 39 Anglican church buildings, many of

which receive large incomes through charitable endowments, serve a resident population of less than 5,000. The total is less than the number of people served by a single parish in most other areas of the church. But more than 300,000 people travel to London to work in the square mile every day. All 39 churches in the

square mile are Grade I list-ed. Many hold day-time concerts and other events for City workers. Most are closed in the evening and most hold no Sunday services. Some church leaders are concerned that the City churches are so much more wealthy than outlying churches in the London suburbs, many of which have problems meeting their dioc-

esan quotas. Churchmen want to develop the City as a better basis for mission in the Decade of Evangelism while preserving the buildings of historic and

archaeological interest.
The Ven George Cassidy,
Archdeacon of London, said: We have to remember the wider church. There is always a great danger, because of their architectural importance and great history, that the City churches can become introverted and selfpreoccupied. There is a need for an objective critique of how they are succeeding in their mission."

**Teacher** 

smoked pot

with pupils

A public school teacher clubbed together with pupils

to buy cannabis, a court was told. The drug was smoked at parties in Richard Trengove's

study at Rossall school in Fleetwood, Lancashire.

The history teacher, aged

24, of Southport, was yester-

day jailed for nine months at

Preston crown court after he

admitted allowing his room

to be used for drug taking

and using the drug himself.

Charges of supplying "pot" to pupils were allowed to lie on

David Sumner, for the

prosecution, said that Tren-

school allowed boys and girls as young as 15 to smoke campabisand drink whisks in

Paul Reid, for the defence

said that Trengove felt isolat-ed among older staff. "It was

not Trengove who brought

cannabis to the pupils, it was

already there," he said. Judge Jolly told Trengove he had abused his trust as a teacher.

Danger driver's

The Court of Appeal yester-

dag halved a six-year jail term

imposed on a man for caus-

ing damage with intent to en-danger life by driving head-

on into a car containing an

off-duty policeman, his wife

and four children. A life

driving ban on Philip King, aged 28, a building worker, of Swinton, Greater Man-

chester, was cut to five years.

King was convicted at Wood Green crown court

after entering a one-way road

in north London the wrong

sentence cut

# Heart patients wait as budget runs out one month early

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

AT LEAST 40 heart patients waiting for investigation at Guy's and Lewisham hospitals in south London cannot be treated until after April 1 because this year's budget for cardiology has already been

Dr Graham Jackson, consultant cardiologist at the hospitals, said he was allocated funding to treat 47 cases from the local area at the beginning of the financial year last April, which he completed by September. New cases were having to wait for the beginning of the next financial year.

**But the South East Thames** Regional Health Authority said that he had been working too fast and that if he was allowed to continue he would

# **Schools** lottery confronts dyslexics

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA **EDUCATION REPORTER** 

DYSLEXICS face a national "lottery" when seeking educational help for learning, literacy and numeracy difficulties, ac-cording to a survey published yesterday to launch national dyslexia week. The Dyslexia Institute, which teaches 3,000 students, said that local authority policy varied dram-atically and was often

insensitive.

Sixteen education authorities were judged to have a bad approach to the teaching of dyslexics, lacked a coherent strategy and trained staff, and sent an unusually high proportion of students to private schools. Wales and Scotland were found to be generally poor. Bromley, Sol-ihull and Wigan were singled out for their flexible and well-organised

Harry Chasty, the institute's director, said that some high spending authorities, such as Richmond, southwest London, made poor provision for dyslexics, while certain low spending authorities, including Hampshire, Dorset and Kent. performed well. While funding is always important it is not the determining factor which many authorities like to claim," he said. Policy and use of resources

were more important.
Michael Fallon, the schools minister, said that he accepted that provision for dyslexics was uneven but that parents were increasingly aware of their rights of appeal against local authority decisions.

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"mop up all the money" for other specialties.

Last night, Dr Jackson was summoned to see Peter Griffiths. Guy's chief executive, after he was reported as say-ing that four of his patients had died "for lack of money". He confirmed yesterday

that the deaths occurred because of delays caused by lack of funding but refused to give details to protect the pa-tients' identities. Since September he had received a small amount of extra funding to treat a few extra local patients but this was not enough. He was seeing "one or two cases a week" from outlying districts who were paid for separately.

"You put patients on a list to come in but by the time their turn comes the contract has run out and the trust administrator says there are no funds till the next financial year. You can't practice medicine in this way. It isn't fair on the patient and it isn't fair on

Dr Jackson said: "If money followed the patient I would be a very happy man. But it doesn't. If there isn't any money anyway, how is it going to follow anyone?"

A spokeswoman for South East Thames Regional Health Authority said a judgment had to be made where available funds were to be spent. "It can't be right for one specialty to mop up all the money when there are other demands from other specialties. You can put extra money into cardiology but what about hip replacements, or neo-natal care? There obviously isn't an infinite pot. You

WHILE Glasgow's Kelvin-grove municipal art gallery was yesterday wondering

whether its stolen £150,000

L. S. Lowry might be re-

turned by a penitent thief, the

art world was less optimistic.

Saturday night during a £35-

a-head charity ball, attended

by 300 people, to raise money

for the museum complex.

Police believe that the thieves

posed as guests before escap-

ing with Lowry's scene of street celebrations on VE Day

1945. Because the picture is

well known, it has been sug-

gested that it would prove

impossible to sell openly and

may have been stolen to

Art thefts are worth more

than £250 million a year and

few paintings re-emerge

quickly. An international

guide to stolen art and an-

tiques published last month

Police and art experts believe the idea of secretive

collectors using vast wealth to

horde great works for private

view is unlikely. Philip

Saunders, of Trace magazine,

which specialises in tracking

ran to 1,200 pages.

order.

The painting was taken on

have to strike a balance." South East Thames region allocated £83 million to regional specialties this year. The spokeswoman said contracts were set on the basis of need and then "balanced" against the money available. This was different from the old pre-reform system in which hospitals worked away until the money ran out and things stopped, she said.
"The extent to which mon-

ey follows the patient is limited by the budgets for each specialty. But setting contracts does mean that each specialty gets a bit of the cake in a planned way, according to the contract, and not just according to who walks in through the door. Under the old system one specialty could gobble up large amounts of money at the expense of another. Contracts mean a fairer sharing out, especially for specialties like the elderly and the mentally ill."

Emergency cases would alvays be treated immediately with money from the health authority's "risk fund", she said, and routine cases should be monitored to check whether their condition had worsened. Dr Jackson said an emergency was defined as a patient "liable to die within 24 hours".

Too little money had been allocated to cardiac work, he said. Health authorities were funded to provide I80 coronary bypass operations per million population against an average figure for Europe of 450 per million population.

Guy's cuisine, page 16

Lowry more likely in thieves'

den than collector's lair

Art experts and

detectives doubt

the theory that

works are stolen to

order, reports

Stewart Tendler

down stolen works, said: "In

20 years of dealing and inves-

tigating art theft I have never

come across them. They must

Paintings such as the Low-

ry could be stored for six

months and then sold private-

ly. By the time the buyers find

they are stolen the sellers are

long gone. "One of the big-

gest problems is no one

knows what has gone." Mr Saunders said. "The Lowry

will appear in most major

newspapers in this country

but probably nowhere else

What happens if it is offered

to an American gallery? They will probably buy it."

present problems. If the own-

er of a painting can show that

he has owned it for a number

of years - two years in Japan

The laws on possession in Japan and Switzerland also

exist. but ...."



chief executive of the Royal Parks of London. While he was director of leisure services in Aberdeen the city won many floral awards

- and bought it in good faith,

he can keep it.
Thieves have taken works

in the hope of getting a re-

ward. A lawyer was recently arrested in Los Angeles ac-

cused of trying to extract £45,000 from an insurance company for two paintings worth £275,000 taken from a

New York gallery. However,

few national collections are

insured and governments

have refused to pay ransoms. Detective Chief Inspector

John Burton, head of Scot-

land Yard's arts and antiques

squad, said that paintings

disappear into the crimina

world to become collateral.

Offered at a quarter of their

value, they may be traded for

drugs or exchanged for cash

and held until they can

Kelvingrove can take some

heart. Mr Burton and Mr

Saunders say that stolen pic-

tures do re-emerge. Last week a routine drugs check at a Swiss airport found hidden in

a suitcase a Flemish master-

piece missing for some years.

"No painting remains hidden for ever," Mr Saunders said.

"Even secret collectors die."

# Share sale aids medical studies

A multi-million pound sell-off will bolster a charity research programme that other sponsors spurn, Nigel Hawkes says

MEDICAL research in Britain has been given the biggest shot in the arm for many

The decision of the Wellcome Trust to sell part of its holding in Wellcome plc is likely to provide huge new funds for medical research. The trust will soon outstrip the Medical Research Council as the largest single sup-porter of medical research in Britain.

The trust owns a 73.6 per year. Two thirds of the spend-cent stake in Wellcame that ing is distributed in the pronse worth around 17 billion. Sub-io. grant applications from lect to court approval, neces sary in order to modify the charitable scheme under which the trust operates, it intends to reduce its holding below 50 per cent, but no lower than 25 per cent. This means that, at present prices, the trust could realise a capital sum of up to £4.8 billion, depending on market prices and the number of shares it

ultimately decides to sell. Reinvested, the capital is likely to make a larger return than it does at present. For every £1 billion reinvested, the merchant bankers expect an additional annual income for the trust of £35 million. -Potentially, the trust's income could rise from its present £100 million a year to more than £250 million. The MRC spent a little over £200 mil-

"This is good news for British science," Bridget Ogilvie, director of the Wellcome

Trust, said yesterday.

Most of the new money will be spent in supporting researchers in universities, where the trust is already the biggest non-government source of funds. More than 2,000 people

man of the Museums and

Galleries Commission, said:

"Sellers don't fully appreciate

what tax incentives are avail-

Lord Cholmondeley chose

an auction presuming that the taxman would seek only

40 per cent on the basis that

the Holbein qualified under a

heritage tax scheme. Howev-

er, the scheme requires a

work to remain registered in a family and be accessible to

the public. The Holbein was not re-registered after the pre-vious peer's death, and the

public has not had access.

Roger Lane-Smith, the peer's solicitor, said: "We

cannot be sure what the tax rate will be. The Inland Reve-

nue might not necessarily

agree with us. Proposals with

the National Gallery and the

National Heritage Memorial

Fund are being discussed."

issue says that an auction

may not raise the £15 million

that the peer needs because foreign bidders will fear fail-

The Art Newspaper's latest

able in private treaty sales."

Tax fear may halt

sale of Holbein

By Sarah Jane Checkland

SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

LORD Cholmondeley is con-

sidering withdrawing his

Holbein from a Christie's

auction on April 15 after

learning that he risks losing

failure in his plan to raise

money to endow in perpetuity

his Norfolk estate. Houghton

Hall, and he is being urged to

withdraw Lady with a Squir-

rel and a Starling. The heri-

tage lobby, eager to keep the

Holbein in this country, says

that he would end up with

more money if he sold by

If the work is auctioned, the

taxman is entitled to demand

60 per cent and Christie's a

10 per cent seller's premium.

Under tax arrangements

available for heritage items, a

private treaty sale could leave

Lord Choimondeley with 70

per cent of the sale price. If the Holbein sold for £10 mil-

lion, an auction would pro-

vide only £3 million for Lord

Cholmondeley, but a private

sale would provide £7 million.

Graham Greene, chair-

private treaty to the nation.

Lord Cholmondeley faces

70 per cent of any sum raised

get their personal financial support from the trust, including 198 fellows and se-nior fellows and 345 research

assistants and technicians. The success of Wellcome plc in the Eighties has enabled the trust to increase its contributions to research more rapidly than any other organisation. They have risen from under £10 million in 1919 To LIVO million this

> areas of research that the trust believes are in danger of being neglected.
> Dr Ogilvie says that mental

health, diabetes, tropical diseases, veterinary research and gene therapy are areas of study likely to gain from the increased funding.

The trust takes a special

interest in areas of science that find it difficult to attract funding. It has recently set aside E800,000 a year for three years for systematic biology and taxonomy - the identification and naming of plants and animals, including organisms that cause disease — an unglamorous, but vital field.

However much the trust has to spend, it is unlikely to be enough. Dr Ogilvie says. Our funds have streaked up, but the proportion of applications we support has fallen," she said. "Costs of research are increasing so fast. But the opportunities are so great, the extra money could not possibly have come at a better time."

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# GPs to pay £30,000 damages

TWO GPs are to pay £30,000

Approving the agreed set-tlement in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Cresswell said that the death of Theresa Fisher, aged 30, could have been avoided if Dr. Simon Anaman and Dr. R. P. Parel, of Netherfield, Milion Keynes, Bucking-hamshire, had acted properly

three fell ill in September 1988 after returning home from Milton Keynes Hospital, where she had undergone investigative treatment to dis-cover if she could have more

The doctors, contacted by telephone, recommended painkillers. Mrs Fisher's condition worsened and by the time she had been taken back to hospital it was too late. She died from peritonitis brought on by the treatment. A medical expert said the doctors'

damages to the widower and three daughters of a woman who died because they failed to treat her promptly.

and promptly".
Mrs Fisher, a mother of

children.

ure to get an export licence. | conduct was "indefensible".

# way and, when PC Andrew Bentley's car approached, ac-celerating into it at 30 mph. Inmates cleared

A jury was directed to return not guilty verdicts on five prisoners accused of murderthe Strangeways prison riot when the prosecution offered no evidence against them. Paul Taylor Alan Lord, Andrew Nelson Melson M drew Nelson, Martin McLatchie and Tiny Doran were cleared at Manchester crown court of the alleged murder of Derek White in April 1990.

### **Boats concern**

Two boats are operating on the Thames with inadequate visibility from the bridge, which contributed to the Marchioness disaster more than two years ago. Patrick Brown, the transport department's permanent secretary, told the Commons public accounts committee that talks with the owners about modifidepartment had stressed the need for a proper look-out.

Jury discharged The trial of Roger Amos, aged 44, a businessman ac-

cused of kidnapping and attempting to murder his wife's lover was abandoned yesterday. Mr Justice Scott Baker discharged the jury at Newport crown court after 11 days, telling them that new material had been produced at a late stage and time was needed to consider it. Amos was remanded in custody to

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# Teenagers say Aids is their biggest fear

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TEENAGERS in Britain are worried about Aids, drugs and bullying and are also concerned about smoking, dog attacks and drink driving, according to a survey published yesterday.

A consultant psychologist who studied the survey said that he was struck by the number of problems that the average teenager worries about

"Some of the findings are disturbing. Our present generation of young people feel more vulnerable to a variety of threats than any comparable group in living memory. They are becoming old before their time," said Ronald

WHAT TEENAGERS WORRY ABOUT

Davie, visiting professor of child psychology at Oxford Polytechnic, who helped to draw up the report.

Of 768 youngsters aged 11 to 16 questioned by researchers for the survey by the Cooperative Wholesale Society as part of the company's campaign to highlight community concerns, nearly all singled out Aids.

"I'm scared about Aids because you don't know who's got it and you don't get told about it at school," one teenager said.

Nearly all those questioned wanted stiffer fines and penalties for drunk drivers. Many said that friends had

vent abuse is urgently needed." Professor Davie said.

Eighty per cent felt at risk from street crime, 76 per cent feared an attack by a dangerous dog, and 72 per cent mentioned joyriding, which many thought resulted from the desire to show off or boredom.

The recession has not af-

been killed or injured in road

Professor Davie said he was

particularly concerned by

comments about drugs which indicated that they were freely available. "My friends can

get drugs any night of the week, no problem at all," was

the sort of comment that

Many said that they were

not fully aware of the dangers

of sniffing glue and some appealed for the subject to be

discussed more freely at school. "New thinking by the

government on drugs and sol-

caused alarm.

☐ The recession has not affected pocket money, according to a report published today by Birds Eye Walls. The average sum has risen 8 per cent since last year to £1.82 per week. Boys receive nearly 10 per cent more than girls.



Karis Lane, aged one, with her mother Karen in front of the Spastics Society poster in which she stars

# New life begins at 40 for charity

By Allson Roberts

THE Spastics Society launched a 40th anniversary £2 million appeal yesterday by linking with 40 partners who also reach 40 years old this year.

Events planned for the year include a sponsored six-a-side county cricket championship with teams captained by 40-year-olds, and Jonjo O'Neill, Pat Eddery and John Francome, all 40 this year, will feature in a special horse race at Cheltenham. There will be a gala performance of the Mousetrap which opened in

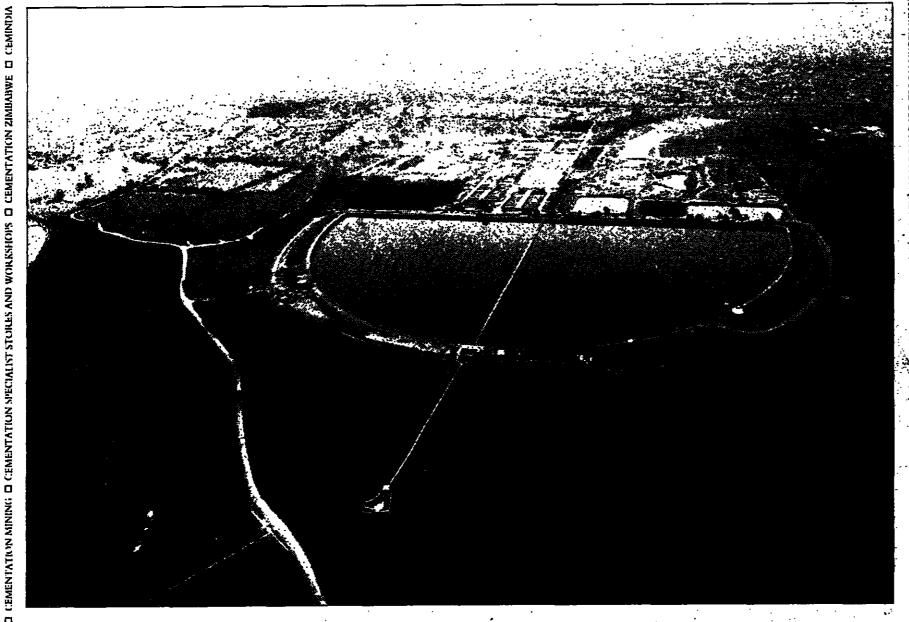
☐ The society is asking Times readers to give up something for the 40 days of Lent and donate money saved or gained from sponsorship. Whoever gives the most, and whoever offers the most original idea on what to give up, will each win a two-week holiday for two in Goa. Money and ideas should be sent to: The Spastics Society Forty at 40 office, 19-20 Conway Street, London WIP FHIL.

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# Kidnap faker must pay police £1,000

By TIM JONE

A WOMAN who faked her kidnapping to hide from her husband the fact that she spent a night with two lovers was given a three months suspended jail sentence yesterday and ordered to pay £1,000 for wasting police time.

Police launched a hunt across two counties for two armed men after Carolyn Mansfield, aged 28, was found by a motorist in a dark lane in Basingstoke, Hampshire, beside her husband's BMW car, which had been deliberately burnt out.

Mansfield, of Burghfield Common, Berkshire, said that she had been terrorised by two men, armed with a knife, after being kidnapped and taken to a basement and forced to think vodka. She maintained her story for two days before confessing.

She had met her lovers in a bar after her weekly callisthenics class before spending the night with them and hatching the plot to deceive her husband Neil, Reading magistrates court was told.

Morag Lawris, for the pros-

ecution, said: "Mrs Mansfield spent the night with both gentlemen — first with one and then with the second and did not contact her family to let them know she would not be returning for the night." Police were alerted when her husband called to say she had not returned

her home to him or their childher ren, aged four and one.

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Falma Tognarelli, the chairman of the bench, said:

The court views this offence very seriously and in the same category as a bomb hoax. We are mindful of the conse-

quences of wasting limited resources."

Michael David, for the defence, said that Mansfield was having a relationship with one of the men only after difficulties in her marriage. "Her future is far from clear. Divorce proceedings are active but there is no maintenance order and her husband might be seeking custody of

the children."

Later, Mr Mansfield said:
"I have got custody of the kids and that's the way it's going



Mansfield: maintained story for two days

# Clans keep computer guessing

By Kerry Gill -

THE Scottish Crofters Union is appealing to members to give more than just their surnames as identification when renewing their annual subscriptions. With so many crofters either MacLeods, MacDonalds, MacKenzies, MacLeans or Campbells, the union's new computerised register is baffled when it receives a cheque with just a surname and an initial.

The problem will be familiar to anyone trying to contact a MacLeod. Campbell or MacDonald in the Highlands and Islands—there are simply too many people with the same name. The union's membership includes 435 MacLeods and 430 MacDonalds and the regional telephone book contains thousands.

Fiona Mandeville, the union's administrator, said that later in the year things would get worse because the computer, mable to identify, for example, which Donald MacLeod has paid up, would confuse the payers with non-payers among its 4,500

Accurate identification in northwest Scotland has been largely by the use of nicknames. For example, the late Scottish television presenter Donnie B. MacLeod did not have a name beginning with B. This was imposed on him at school for identification purposes and stuck through-

out his life.

In the north of Lewis telephone book compilers recently decided that the only way to clarify identification was to carry everyone's nicknesses.

# 100mph tow driver is banned

A man who towed a car at 100mph on the M4 was banned from driving for six months yesterday and ordered to do 200 hours community service.

Martin Barnes, aged 35, managing director of a furniture business, who admitted reckless driving, had "only the good Lord to thank that a disaster did not happen", his counsel, Edward Boydell, told magistrates at Chippenham, Witshire.

Juliet Stythe, for the prosecution, said that the tow rope was 12ft long but the two cars would have needed 362ft to stop safely, with a further 100ft "thinking time".

### Fan remanded

John Pedley, aged 24. appeared before Birmingham magistrates accused of assault causing actual bodily harm to a referee during a pitch invasion at a match between Birmingham City and Stoke City. Pedley, also charged with violent disorder, was remanded on bail.

125 jobs cut

A E140 million management buy-out of Babycham, the drinks company, will mean the loss of 125 jobs at Shepton Mallett, Somerset.

### Aids centres

Pilot centres for Aids testing, with a 24-hour results service, are to be set up in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

### Bird haven

A hundred trees are to be planted on a roundabout near a former Bristol tobacco factory to encourage birdlife.

Newlife begins at 40 for charity By ALGON ROSERS

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# Labour promises to keep down VAT rate

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Smith, the Opposition's chief economic spokesman, appeared yesterday to tie his hands as a potential Chancellor by pledging that a Labour government would neither raise the rate of VAT nor extend its scope.

in the face of Tory accusations that Labour would add £1,000 a year to the bill of the average taxpayer, Mr Smith has insisted that an incoming Labour government would not increase the 25p basic rate of tax. Yesterday, he appeared to restrict still further Labour's scope for spending by giving the VAT pledge. He told a press conference: "We think VAT is high enough, which is why we are opposed to either increasing the rate or extending its range."

The Conservatives, who have been criticised for a campaign built almost entire-

PLANS to toughen the laws

on rape to ensure that more

assailants are convicted were

unveiled by the Labour party

yesterday. Labour proposed

that rape in marriage should

be unlawful, wider definitions

of penetration should be in-

troduced and "consent"

Jo Richardson, Labour's

shadow minister for women,

said the legal system be-

trayed" raped or sexually

assualted women. She

claimed that only 10 to 20 per

cent of women raped rep-

orted the attack and there was

only one conviction for every

seven rapes reported. "If the

law sends a clear signal that

this is a very serious crime,

then men must take take ac-

count of it." Ms Richardson

said. "Our legal system can

and must be changed." Of

the 3.391 cases of rape or

attempted rape reported in 1990, only 455 men were

Ms Richardson said

women were often put off

reporting rape because of the

attitude adopted by judges

when the case went to trial.

convicted, she claimed.

should be clarified.

tax policies, are this week reviving those attacks in the run-up to the Budget. They are content to risk being accused of a negative approach: party strategists argue that their campaign has succeeded in exposing Labour's inconsistencies on tax and that they have harried the Opposition into further definition of its tax and national insurance

Yesterday they unveiled a new poster of two vast boxing gloves, claiming that Labour's policies would produce "double whammy" for the British public of higher taxes and higher prices. A new Tory pamphlet detailed predictions from ten City banks. brokers and economic forecasters showing an average

2.5 per cent rise in interest

don't always mean no when they say no. Or that accepting

a lift, or going to a man's flat

is somehow 'asking for it'," Ms Richardson said.

Under Labour's plans,

questions about a woman's

be given separate legal repre-

sentation and entitlement to legal aid. The corroboration

be abolished and complain-

evidence behind screens or

In addition, Labour would

set up a 24-hour national

helpline for women who had

faced the threat of violence.

helped to draw up the docu-ment, said: "We see judges falling down on the job by

talking about women in ways

which women find unaccept-

able. The issue of consent is

fraught with difficulty and

gives a licence to many men

Helena Kennedy, QC, who

through a video link.

Stronger laws planned

to deal with rapists

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

rates as the consequence of a Labour government.

Peter Lifley, the trade secretary, told a press conference that this would add more than & fillion to industry's borrowing costs. "That is a recipe for deepening the recession and aborting recovery. It would ... immediately add over £40 every month to the mortgage payments of a family with an average £30,000 mortgage."

Michael Howard, the em-

ployment secretary, said that Labour's commitment to the immediate application of the EC social action programme would add £6 billion to industry's costs. A national minimum wage would lead to unions pressing for large pay

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, said that the "double whammy" was the likely repetition of the last Labour government's performance in doubling both prices and tax bills over five years. "Labour would cut consumers' spending power, hit the housing market and the construction industry, push up industry's borrowing costs, shove up the costs of enployment, slash share val-ues and damage confidence." Labour's promise of no new VAT rises was delivered as its leaders claimed that the Conservatives were planning to raise and extend indirect taxes to plug the gap between their promises of higher

sexual history in court would be restricted, and judges and spending and lower income tax and likely revenue levels. the Crown Prosecution Service would be given improved In remarks designed to training on dealing with post turn the tables on the Tories' trauma stress. Victims would claim that Labour has a E37 billion secret spending agen-da, Mr Smith said that the government had to find an warning in rape trials would extra £33 billion by 1996 to pay for a cut in the basic rate ants would be allowed to give of tax to 20p, to maintain its public spending commit-ments and to balance the

Labour said the Tories would either raise the basic VAT rate from 17.5 per cent to 22 per cent or widen its been raped, or assaulted or base to include items currently zero-rated. Mr Smith recalled that although John Major had ruled out an in-crease in the VAT rate, the government had not extended the pledge to cover a pos-sible extension of its scope.



Vantage point: Lord Caithness, centre, the Foreign Office minister with special responsibility for Hong Kong, views Shek Kong, a detention camp for Vietnamese boat people, from behind the barbed wire of an observation tower. Lord Caithness, who arrived in the colony on Sunday for a week-long visit, said that Britain would stand up for Hong Kong's interests until its handover to China in 1997

# Baker tightens rules for asylum seekers

By JOHN WINDER

offered Labour co-operation

in getting the bill through urgently if the government

made three concessions

These would be an appeals

system, which would make it

less likely that the wrong

people were sent back: finger

printing only of those suspect-

ed of attempting illegal entry; and reform of the law under

which airlines, particularly

British Airways, were fined

for bringing in with insuffi-

cient documentation people

who were subsequently per-

Mr Baker emphasised the

government's continued re-

sistance to making immigra-

tion control a matter for the

EC, and in that was support-

ed by Mr Hattersley. The

home secretary said that abo-

lition of all immigration con-

trols at internal frontiers after

1992 was not required for

completion of the single Eu-

ropean market and immigra-

tion controls for an island

nation like the United King-

dom were most effectively op-

Mr Hattersley said there

were absurd anomalies. If an

Englishman married a for-

eign national, she did not

have an automatic, unquali-

fied right to join him here, but

a German, Belgian, Dane, Spaniard or Dutchman liv-

ing in the UK did have that

right. A British citizen living

in Germany also had a right

for his wife to join him. It was

preposterous that an English-

man in England should not have the rights that a Ger-man living here did.

terday pledged increased

funding on the arts and a

cabinet post for a new minis-

ter of arts and communica-tions. A levy on blank audio

and video tapes would be

introduced to top off funding

for the film and music industries, Robert Maclennan, the party's arts spokesman said.

Launching the party's arts

document Mr Maclennan

said that spending on the arts

would rise from 0.14 per cent

of GDP to the European

Community average of 0.24 per cent. Urgent reforms would need to be introduced

BY KERRY GILL

THE launch of Labour's Scottish elec-

erated at point of entry.

mitted to stay.

ASYLUM seekers will find it harder to make fraudulent claims for income support payments under new mea-Sures announced yesterday by

the home secretary.

Kenneth Baker told the Commons that order books providing social security for aysium seekers would have to be renewed every six weeks instead of six months, and would be encashable at only one nominated post office. Mr Baker announced in a

Commons debate on asylum and immigration that the change would be introduced soon by the social security. department. He emphasised the government's determination to see the Asylum Bill, which would discourage those without a genuine case for asylum, become law as soon as possible. If necessary, the government would reintroduce it after the election, he said. The bill has been languishing in the House of Lords because of the election, while less controversial mea-

sures are taken through. Roy Hattersley, Labour's

inflation?

### Radio 4 election row

# Slanging match leads to new campaign rules

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

Radio listeners should brace themselves for more live shouring matches in the election campaign, the BBC said yesterday. The corporation, which has gone to great lengths to ensure unbiased coverage, issued guidelines to its presenters, saying they must be "tough and firm", but under no circumstances may they ever be rude, even if all else fails when trying to mediate a shouting match

between politicians.

The BBC received more than 30 calls from Radio 4 listeners appalled by the behaviour of Michael Howard, the employment secretary, and Jack Cun-ningham, the Labour campaigns co-ordinator, who ignored Sue MacGregor's polite pleas to "let me intervene, gentlemen" as they sparred loudly and angrily over economic policies on Radio 4's flagship news programme Today.

MacGregor and said the politicians were out of order," a Today spokesman said. On the programme, Mr Howard accused Dr Cunningham of "hysteria", while Dr Cunningham said the Tories were "not interested in the truth".

The BBC said there was no need for a formal inquest into the shouting match, have Mr Howard misrepre-other than the normal pro-senting us. He is not going gramme review mechan-to get away with it."

Lib Dems would raise arts spending

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

would take over responsibility

for broadcasting from the

Home Office, would distrib-

ute cash between the national

arts quangos without directly

funding arts organisations

The Liberal Democrats

BBC board of governors and

other regulatory bodies, to restore the "arm's length"

he said.

to set up a simple, compre- dence of broadcasting. hensive structure for the arts, Consistent underfunding

e said.

The new ministry, which a lot to be done to restore the status of the arts in Britain, he

would draw up a new code on Museum and gallery public appointment to the charges for school parties ITC, the Radio Authority, the would be abolished with the

principle" and the indepen- be restored to 1980 levels.

'New Scotland' makes a shaky start

isms. Jenny Abramsky, editor of news and current affairs radio, said: "We will conduct the election campaign with a variety of programme formats, including live discussions. There is a possibility of further performances like that if that's how politicians want to conduct themselve

Mr Howard told Today: "We live in a fiercely com-petitive world. Our policies are designed to improve our would cripple it." Dr Cunningham responded with the pledge that Labour would not increase the basic rate of income tax.

Mr Howard said: "If Labour aren't going to increase taxes then they have got to scrap the pledges." Dr Cunningham interrupted angrily. We cannot have this misrepresentation. Both men started shouting at once. ignoring MacGregor.

Dr Cunningham said "There is no question of us abandoning anything. You cannot even tell us what will happen in the Budget a happen in the Budget a week away, let alone what Labour is going to do."

At one point Dr Cunningham said: "Are you going to let me speak or not? Or are you going to shout me down? I am not going to have Mr Happen's misterner.

said. Spending priorities would be on a F2 billion back-

log in repairs for arts build-

ings, museums and galleries, and a £50 million gap in salaries for artists, techni-

cians and administrators

aim of scrapping all charges in the longer term and spend-ing on public libraries would



### Speedier fraud trials called for

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, made clear at question time that he would like to see complicated fraud trials speeded up and said that any sensible suggestion would be considered. But, he added, any radical changes in court procedure, such as doing away with jury trials, would have to be thought

about very carefully. "Recent cases have lasted far too long and means must be found of securing quicker trials. We have to find a quicker way of securing justice. The government's mind is not made up on this and all suggestions will be sensibly looked at."

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ment of the community charge were issued between ber 31 1991, John Patten. the Home Office minister, śaid in a written reply. Michael Portillo, the local gov-ernment minister, said that by December 31 last year, local authorities had collected about £4,300 million of the £6,400 million they expected to collect.

### Pensions rebuff

The government is unwilling to help Maxwell pensioners, beyond ensuring that they receive minimum Serps pensions, Tony Newton, the social security secretary. told the Commons during question time.

### Disabled staff

The civil service employs 8,024 registered disabled people, Tim Renton, the civil service minister, said in a written reply. This is 125 more than in 1990.

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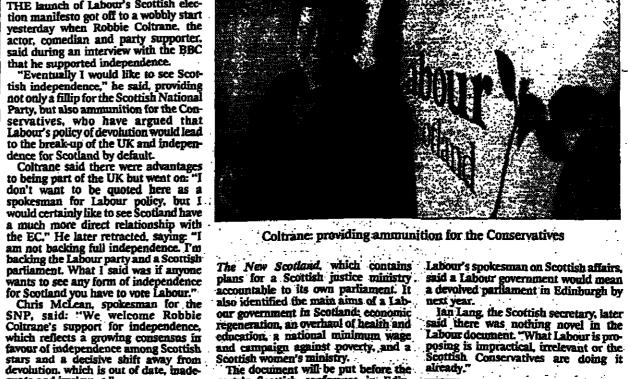
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Coltrane: providing ammunition for the Conservatives

our government in Scotland; economic regeneration, an overhaul of health and education, a national minimum wage and campaign against poverty, and a Scottish women's ministry.

The document will be put before the party's Scottish conference in Edin—

quate and irrelevant."

Labour launched a 40-page booklet, burgh next week. Donald Dewar,

# Political blood will be shed on the Southern electoral battleground

# Bush camp resigned to a poor showing

GEORGE Bush's campaign managers have resigned hemselves to another poor howing in the most closely natched of today's seven

Patrick Buchanan, the Reblican challenger, in an of poil pitch for support, redicted that the White louse machine would "colupse like a house of cards if le could win the Georgia rimary that he has made is chief Southern battleround. Although the presilent's Georgia supporters sughed at the suggestion that they could lose, final indications from rural areas suggested that Mr Buchanan would at least maintain the momentum that has been nunning against Mr Bush through New Hampshire and South Dakota.

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The president's men were trying yesterday to minimise the impact that will be felt if voters in Georgia continue ent success for Mr Buchanan, which some aides fear, would show an acceleration in support for Mr Buchanan and an anti-Bush movement that could threaten re-elec-

tion in November. We win and get the convention delegates and he loses and gets the publicity." one campaigner complained, referring to the winner-takes-all rules that could



Buchanan: eyeing the 1996 campaign

Patrick Buchanan is likely to keep the protest vote in today's primaries, Peter Stothard writes

leave Mr Buchanan at the end of the month as far from the 1992 nomination as when he began. But confi-dent arithmetic cannot hide the disquiet. Mr Buchanan said yesterday that the Bush campaign was hollow and

lacked vision or ideas. Many Bush loyalists quietly agree. The challenger has turned not only Republicans against the president but also thousands of conserva-tive Southern Democrats, the poor white rural workers who in the past two decades have helped to elect Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush to the White House.

Mr Buchanan completed a storming tour from Savan-nah to Atlanta yesterday on board his old Greyhound bus, Asphalt One. He told hard-pressed farmers that they were "good old boys, and sort of like me". His television advertisements, concentrating on the Bush administration's "antichurch" tax plans and subsi-dy of "Christ-mocking" art, have reinforced the message. The chief concern of the

Bush camp is that if Mr Buchanan turns these voters against the president today they might keep the habit until November. Georgia rules allow registered Democrats to vote in Republican primaries and "there are plenty of people angry enough with Bush to want to vote against him twice, one volunteer worker admitted.

The president has been working hard to avoid fur-ther provoking this rural white vote, restricting him-self to only the mildest at-tacks on Mr Buchanan and relying on surrogates to flail against Mr Buchanan's opsition to the Gulf war and his "flirtations with fascism". The one direct presi-

dential attack on his op ponent has been aimed at urban women and highlights a newspaper column in which Mr Buchanan once wrote that women are "less equipped pyschologically" to succeed in the workplace.

Mr Bush has been emphasising his own commitment to family values. In one. of his most vigorous cam-paign speeches in Georgia on Sunday, the president roused 12,000 supporters in Savannah with his commitment to parental choice in education and rights for voluntary prayer in schools. Marlin Fitzwater, his okesman, said the Buchanan advertisements attacking subsidised homo-

The Buchanan battle-bus is the one used by Mr Bush in 1988. It still has the armour plating to prove it. According to its owner, however, the White House was not interested this year, leaving to Mr Buchanan its spartan comforts, and roofmounted speakers.
Out among the peanut

sexual films were counter-

productive.

fields, where racist language finds ready ears, Mr Bu-chanan has behaved with a restraint that has surprised followers who expected grosser appeals. He has mocked the broken English of Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, but otherwise he has kept his rhetoric in line with Washington's strict rules against racially tinged remarks. Mr Buchanan is cam-

paigning as a man looking beyond today's vote and August's Republican convention. His eyes are on 1996 when he wants to be able to challenge Vice-President Quayle for the national party leadership. He was not attacking Mr Quayle too much this time, Mr Buchan-an said, because he "did not want to be charged with child abuse"

Other Republican contests today are in Colorado and Maryland; there are Democratic caucuses in Minnesota, Utah, Idaho and Washington state.



End of the trail: a downcast Brock Adams, Washington's Democratic senator for one term, with his daughter and wife in Seattle. He dropped his re-election bid after sexual harassment claims by eight women

# Schedule from hell clips eagle's wings

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

COUGH tablets in one pocket, throat lozenges in the other, and big enough bags under his eyes to hold the lot, presidential hopeful Bill Clinton croaked his way through a speech at a huge Democrats' dinner in the Denver Convention Centre

on Saturday night.
Normally Mr Clinton is what one American commentator called a "rousing deliverer of empty rhetoric".
His Denver speech, barely audible, lacked any impact.
The moment he finished, the Arkansas governor's motor-cade sped him to the airport, where his Boeing 727 stood ready for a 1,300-mile flight to Atlanta. On with the schedule from hell.

Service guards is, appropriately, Eagle. With critical "Junior Tuesday" primaries today and "Super Tuesday" next week, this hugely ambitious but shop-soiled candidate is now almost permanently airborne as he scours America for votes.

The day before Saturday's Denver dinner, Mr Clinton left Arkansas at 6.00am, crossed two-thirds of the continent for a midday appearance in Seattle, flew the length of the Westcoast for a Los Angeles fundraising event that evening and, 22 hours later, at 3.00am, checked into Denver's Executive Tower Inn.

In Colorado Mr Clinton has lost his early lead to Paul Mr Clinton's codename among his 20-strong Secret to spend Saturday morning preparing for that after-noon's candidates' debate. Instead he plunged into crowds in shopping malls, excited masses being the opium that banishes his exhaustion. During the debate Mr Tsongas called him a liar for suggesting that he (Mr Tson-gas) wanted "hundreds" of new nuclear power stations. Mr Clinton managed to leave the impression that Mr

Tsongas was pro-nuclear in an anti-nuclear state. On the flight to Atlanta, Mr Clinton was in good spir-its. A true pro, he laughed at how Bob Kerrey had spent the week accusing him of draft-evasion and then assured him before the debate that he meant nothing per-sonal. But his campaign's early aura of charmed inev-

itability has vanished. Washington Democrats are said to be "massively nervous" about a candidate whose strength is his personality, Maryland Democrats,

also threatening to back Mr Tsongas today, had arranged yet another debate that evening. Non-atten-dance would be political suicide. Throngs of chanting supporters greeted the arriving candidates, but by this stage the hopefuls were on automatic pilot the same arguments, the same jokes.

The debate over, Mr Clinton pressed relentlessly on: a junior basketball award ceremony, a rally, a restaurant visit, an exhausted entourage trailing in his wake. Hope springs eternal.

# Security chief is mugged

Washington: The head of sec-urity at the House of Repre-sentatives in Washington was shot in the face in a mugging five blocks from the Capitol building. Jack Russ, aged 46. sergeant-at-arms for nine years, was in a stable condi-tion in hospital after the attack on Sunday night.

Mr Russ, whose work in-cludes leading the Capitol's police force and running the House bank, was walking his dog near Capitol Hill when he was robbed at gunpoint by two men shortly after 10pm. His assailants fired one shot, a police spokesman said. Mr Russ, of Poplarville, Missis-sippi, apparently jerked his head at the last moment. The bullet entered one side of his jaw and emerged from the other, officials said. There have been no arrests. (Reuter)

### Israeli probe

Jerusalem: Eight Israeli officers, including a colonel, and three soldiers were ordered to appear before a disciplinary council on charges of negli gence in connection with an Arab attack that killed three soldiers last month. The council will determine if security measures were respected in the raided camp. (AFP)

### Poll surprise

Yaounde: Partial results from Cameroon's first free elections in 32 years indicate that two opposition parties could win half the assembly seats from the authoritarian government of President Biya. Mr Biya had been expected to make a clean sweep at the elections, which opposition parties said were rigged. (AP)

### MPs beaten

Nairobi: At least four Kenyan opposition MPs were injured when baton-wielding riot police broke up a march in the Kenyan capital by several hundred people demanding the release of political prisoners. (Reuter)

### Guerrilla held

Manila: Philippines security forces have captured Ricardo Capili Reyes, a senior com-munist guerrilla leader, and dealt a fresh blow to the 23year insurgency, the army said. He was caught in a tax in a Manila suburb. (Reuter)

### Kenya evidence

Nairobi: George Adamson, husband of Joy Adamson, author of Born Free, died in 1989 after being shot three times in the back and chest and once in the arm and thigh, the court trying a Somali was told here. (AFP)

### **Bodies found**

Barranquilla: The bodies of ten poor people, some showsurgery, have been found at a Colombian university medical centre. All had been murdered. Five security guards were arrested. (AFP)

## Niger strike

Niamey: The Niger capital was halted by an indefinite general strike in protest against mutinous troops. It followed days of action, including the takeover of national radio and television, by the troops. (Reuter)

### Gadaffi refusal

Rome: Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, said in a speech broadcast by Libyan television that he had no authority to order extradition of two men accused by the US and Britain in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103. (AP)

# out stark choice of war or peace

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

WHITE voters in South Afri- Cricket World Cup venues in ca are being told they face a stark choice in the forthcoming referendum on constitutional reforms, but the options vary according to who is addressing them.

President de Klerk, opening his campaign for a clear mandate for multiracial government, told a youthful audience in Stellenbosch yesterday that the choice was between justice and realism reurnicht, the Conservative party leader, who is striving to halt the reform process, said it was between another white general election and a black dictatorship.

As the ruling National par-ty launched an intensive advertising campaign for a "yes" vote, Mr de Klerk told the largely student audience that a "no" vote would plunge the country into turmoil. It would be a signal rejecting 26 million fellow, black South Africans, and telling them that whites wanted to return to a policy which had failed dismally over more than four decades. "There are risks involved, but if you don't take the risks we won't find the felution," he said.

Dr Treurnicht seized on a remark by Harry Schwarz, the South African ambassador to Washington, who said in a television interview that Nelson Mandela, the lader of the African National Congress, could be elected president of South Africa within two or three years. The Conservative leader said this proved that the Nationalists were deceiving the electorate by giving the impression that they would be able to maintain power under a new constitution. "The bottom line is that the choice facing whites is between a 'no' vote and the Cance of another election, or

an ANC dictatorship." The fight for the hearts and minds of the white electorate has been taken to foreign fields by the business establishment, which is sponsoring an advertising campaign in support of reforms at the Australia and New Zealand. Millions of South African fans, watching their team's matches on television, are being informed by billboards that a "no" vote does not give their country a sporting

While black citizens are not being consulted in the March 17 poil, it appears the over-whelming majority of them support Mr de Klerk in his battle with the white right. In a poll conducted by The Sowetan, the country's biggest-selling newspaper, 87 per cent of respondents said a Conservative victory would lead to increased violence, and they wanted peace.
In the latest violence yester-

day, two men were killed and ten injured on a commuter train running between Sowero and Johannesburg.

# De Klerk spells UN told to expose Burmese abuses as killings mount

Mr Clinton's codename

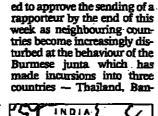
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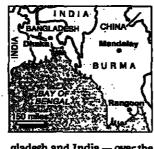
AS THE United Nations man Rights prepares to dispatch a special envoy to Burma there are reports of more killings by Rangoon's troops on the Bangladesh border.

The European Community, meanwhile, is asking the United Nations to turn a spotlight on Burmese human rights abuses. Diplomatic sources in New York say Britain and other EC members want the Human Rights Commission in Geneva to vote this week to remove Burma from the confidential procedure applied to most

alleged rights violators.

This would mean that all future UN reports on human rights in Burma would be published openly, exposing the military junta there to public scrutiny. "The whole world will now see all the arrocities," said one Western diplomat. "It's the next step." The commission is expect-





gladesh and India - over the last six months. News agency reports says Burmese troops have killed at least 200 Muslims, or Rohingyas, in the western Burmese state of Arakan in the past week, according to refugees who arrived in Ban-

At least 500 Muslims have been injured by gunfire and bayonets in the same period and more than 3,000 Muslim homes in 17 townships and villages in Arakan have been set on fire, the refugees said in Cox's Bazar. Others said 34 Muslims, including women and children, had been killed on Saturday alone. One refugee said the Burmese were pursuing a scorched earth policy.

The influx of refugees into southeastern Bangladesh has now doubled. Nearly 8,000 have arrived in Cox's Bazar. and nearby areas since Sunday, raising the total to nearly 145,000. "The junta has killed at least 100 monks and arrested about 1,000 others in the past year," U Tiha, a leader of the All Burma Young Monks Union, said.

Meanwhile, the Burmese air force bombed Karen guerrilla headquarters at Manerplaw for the fifth consecutive

# Saddam son-in-law wins back arms job

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ'S bitter dispute with the United Nations over its weapons' destruction programme has been given an ominous twist by President Saddam Hussein's reinstatement of his son-in-law in a critical post.

Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel al-Majid, chief architect of Iraq's clandestine nuclear, chemical and longrange missile programmes, has been made chief of the arms and oil industries, according to the Middle East Economic Survey, a respected oil newsletter based in Nicosia.

The United Nations will take it as a very negative sign. It shows Saddam is doing his best to resist their efforts to disarm him," an Arab diplomat said. "Al-Majid has the loyalty of the scientists at home, and outside Iraq he has a worldwide network of shady arms contacts."

General al-Majid, who is married to Saddam's eldest daughter, begged, borrowed or stole equipment and technology to develop arsenals of weapons of mass destruction whose true magnitude was only uncovered by UN inspectors after the Gulf war. He was in charge of procurement for Iraq's secret nuclear weapons programme and of the modification of Sovietmade Scud missiles so that their range could be extended to enable them to hit targets in Israel and Saudi Arabia. Saddam unexpectedly

sacked his son-in-law as defence minister last autumn, replacing him with Ali Has-san al-Majid, a bitter family rival. Until then General al-Majid, not yet 40, had been regarded as a rising star and the Iraqi leader's most likely His eclipse did not last

long. Last month he was ap-pointed a presidential adviser and there are reports from Iraq that he may soon be

# Teenagers learn to kill for a leather jacket

gladesh yesterday.

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK School, the country is taking

stock of the horrifying ex-tent to which the free-fire

A few days after a teen-ager killed two fellow pupils in the corridor of a New York high school. May-or David Dinkins has disclosed plans to recruit hundreds of security guards to make body searches at the doors of 40 schools. However, the measure has done little to curb a wave of fear in the city and across America over the rule of the gun in

Mr Dinkins announced his \$28 million (£16 million) package targeting the most violent schools amid a realisation that many schools are turning into killing fields where pupils learn "revolvers" before the more traditional R's.

The mayor, deprived of more funds by the city's depression and of any political consensus on how to tackle the violence, was reduced to exhorting children to es-chew the behaviour that has made guns the main cause

of death among black teen-agers in America. "We did not let so many members of one generation die for freedom only to watch a new sneakers or a gold chain or a

leather jacket," Mr Dinkins said from a church pulpit on Thanks to the deaths of Ian Moore and Tyrone Sink-

mentality of the inner city has invaded the classroom. In words echoed by her colleagues from Los Angeles to New York, Carol Beck, the embattled Jefferson head teacher, lamented that pupils were now "children of war". She said: "They worry

that in the blink of an eye. they could be killed - this is a reality - and they think they have to protect them-. seives." Ms Beck's school, a highly regarded institution once attended by Danny Kaye and the present American ambassador to Mali, is one among many where "fire drill" means practice in falling to the floor at the sound of shots.

Cince last September, 16 Spupils, five teachers and ler, shot dead over a grudge one policeman have been ed yesterday.

between lessons at the shot in New York schools. Fuelling the alarm, the you choose to be recognised. It is just how you choose to be recognised. Thomas Jefferson High Six pupils, one teacher and New York Post found pupils in the world."

confirming that packing a sidearm has become routine for self-esteem and protection. Boys under ten have been busy showing reporters their .22 pistols, the entrylevel firearm that is soon replaced by heavier firepower, leading to the automatics and Uzis toted by the 17year-olds. In Illinois, a third of city

schoolboys say they have taken a gun to school. In California schools there were 2,000 armed assaults last year. A third of American inner-city secondary schools use metal detectors and almost half of all innercity teenagers have seen an acquaintance murdered. Newsweek magazine report-

spare of reports in recent days, pupils in the city's state schools have been pouring out their fears and confirming that reaching that reaching a feet of the space of the state of the st gun-toting among teenage girls and noting that the gunplay is spreading fast in white, middle-class schools. even in the suburbs and In Crosby, Texas, for exam-

Lple, a girl aged 15 shot dead the captain of the football team in the cafeteria because she thought she heard him call her a bitch.

Most chilling in all the gun talk is the indifference to human life implicit in the culture. A dirty look is com-monly said to be ground for murder. Asked if all his friends had guns, a Manhattan boy said: "They do.
Because a lot of people just want to be respected and to be recognised. It is just how

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Ethnic feuding spawns open conflict as former Soviet periphery crumbles

# Trail of bodies mark Karabakh's grim toll

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN AGDAM

SCATTERED amid the withered grass and bushes along a small valley and across the hillside beyond are the bodies of last Wednesday's massacre by Armenian forces of Azerbaijani

From that hill can be seen both the Armenian-controlled town of Askeran and the outskirts of the Azer-baijani military headquar-ters of Agdam. Those who died very nearly made it to the safety of their own lines.

We landed at this spot by helicopter yesterday after-noon as the last troops of the Commonwealth of Independent States began pulling out. They left unhindered by the warring factions as General Boris Gromov, who oversaw the Soviet withdraw-



to allow the Azerbaijanis to collect their dead and any refugees still hiding in the hills and forest. All the same, two attack helicopters circled continuously overhead, watching the nearby Armenian positions.

In all, 31 bodies could be counted at the scene. At least another 31 have been taken into Agdam over the past five days. These figures do not

# Moldavia violence claims more lives

FROM RON POPESKI IN MOSCOW

ANIMOSITY between Moldavia's Romanianspeaking majority and ethnic Russians flared into violence again yesterday, with three people shot dead in a confrontation between the police and Russian-

speaking militiamen. The interior ministry said that the head of a local militia was among those killed in a shootout near a textile mill in Dubossary, in the breakaway Dnestr mini-republic proclaimed by Russian-speakers. The town was the scene of fighting between police officers and

the militia last December in

which at least five people

Moldavian authorities, who promote closer ties between their former Soviet republic and neighbouring Romania, blamed yesterday's incident on the Russian-speaking Dnestr region. Moldavia refuses to said that the incident was contrived by "the leaders of Duestr's separatist forces backed by reactionary forces" to undermine Moldavia's plans to join the United Nations. (Reuter)

to economic stabilisation,

some governments in the

commonwealth would not

survive. Mr Andriessen has

recently returned from visit-

ing the four largest republics

- Ukraine, Belorussia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

help for the republics' econo-

mies in the hands of bodies

such as the International

Monetary Fund (IMF).

There was no discussion of a

separate or parallel EC initia-

tive," Douglas Hurd, the for-

eign secretary, said after-wards. He said the enemy of

the Western aid programme

was confusion: there were too

few institutions able to cope

in the commonwealth and too

help: The meeting also agreed

that the Community should

start trade and co-operation

largest republics immediately. Kazakhstan, which shares

nounced at the weekend that

it would like to join the EC. During his visit, Mr

Andriessen told President

Nazarbayev that the Commu-

nity's Treaty of Rome restrict-

ed membership to European

Mr Andriessen told yester-

day's meeting that the food

supply in the republics he had

visited was "difficult but not

disastrous" although political

problems were "disquieting".

Democracy had not yet taken

root. "Despite elections, the

old power structure remains

in place in most states, albeit

with new faces, party names and programmes." Officials

who had accompanied Mr

Andriessen on his common-

wealth trip said that the Com-

mission was worried that

IMF help would operate too

slowly to prevent political nur-

Budget attacked: Mr Hurd

yesterday led an attack by EC

foreign ministers after

Jacques Delors, the president

of the Commission, laid out

his plans for a large increase

in the Community's budget. Mr Hurd said M Delors was

requesting rises in national contributions that would give

Brussels about an extra E14

billion between now and

could be found without alter-

ing the budget. He chal-

lenged M Delors' argument

that the five-year budget rep-

resented no more than the bill

for commitments made in the

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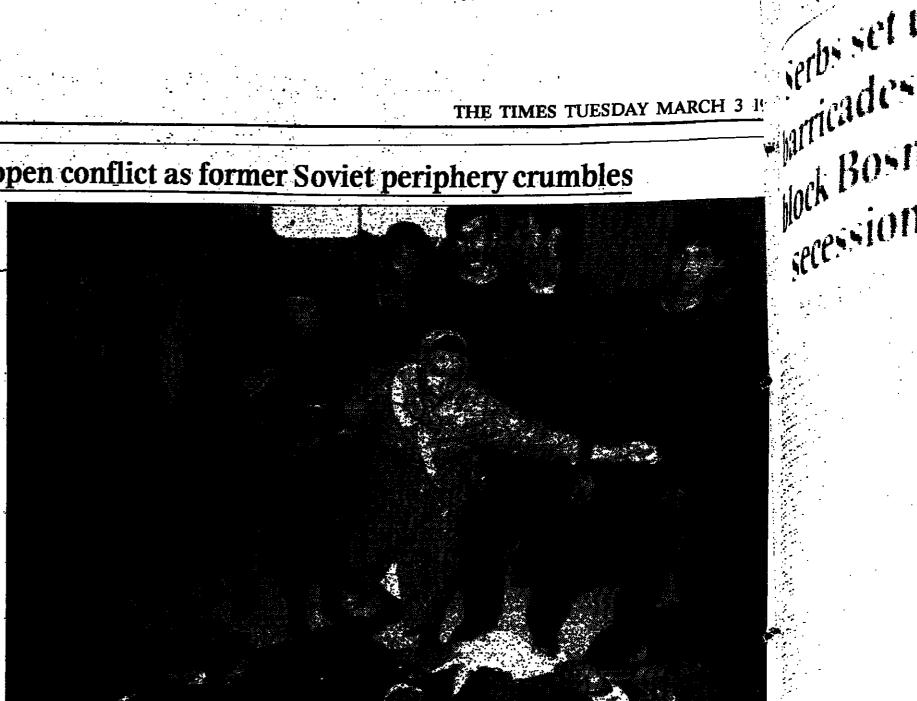
include civilians reported killed when the Armenians stormed the Azerbaijani town of Khodjaly on Tuesday night. The figures also do not include other as yet undiscovered bodies.

Zahid Jabarov, a survivor of the massacre, said he saw up to 200 people shot down refugees who came by different routes have also told of being shot at repeatedly and of leaving a trail of bodies along their path. Around the bodies we saw were scattered possessions, clothing and personal documents. The bodies themselves have been preserved by the bitter cold which killed others as they hid in the hills and forest after the massacre. All are the bodies of ordinary people, dressed in the poor, ugly clothing of workers.

Of the 31 we saw, only one policeman and two apparent national volunteers were wearing uniform. All the rest were civilians, including eight women and three small children. Two groups, ap-parently families, had fallen together, the children cra-

dled in the women's arms. Several of them, including one small girl, had terrible head injuries: only her face was left. Survivors have told how they saw Armenians shooting them point blank as

they lay on the ground. • New York: Eight former Soviet republics, including Armenia and Azerbaijan, were formally admitted to the United Nations yester-day, along with the tiny republic of San Marino. The new members, which also include Moldavia, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, Kuz-bekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, raise the membership of the world



Crying out loud: an Azerbaijani woman in Agdam mourning over the body of her father, one of the many victims of last Wednesday night's mass killing of civilians by Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh. Like many others, he had been scalped

# Nationalists step up struggle for China province

FROM JASPER BECKER IN ALMA ATA

EXILED Uighur nationalists from the troubled province of Xinjiang, in China's far west, have vowed to launch a new struggle for independence from a base in the neighbouring republic of

"We will start a guerrilla war and seek international recognition for our cause," a spokesman for the Front for the Liberation of Uighurstan said in Alma•Ata, the capital

of Kazakhstan, Last month up to six people died when several bombs exploded in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, in what appears to have been an action by Uighur extremists. The bombs were hidden on several buses and went off during Chinese new year festivities.

Nobody has claimed reonsibility for the attack. Uighurs in Kazakhstan denied any involvement and said they had yet to obtain any weapons. They accused the Chinese of creating a

sion. "The bombs are a Chinese provocation," the spokesman said. "We are now very afraid of what will happen to our people in

China has had difficulties in controlling the six million Uighurs in Xinjiang since it removed the independent government of the so-called East Turkestan Republic" in 1949. Ethnic tensions between the Uighurs, a Turkic-speaking Muslim people, and Chinese immigrants'



have sharpened in recent years. Peking has used volts. About 250,000 Uighurs

live in Kazakhstan and many

late 1950s. The Uighurs, who share a similar culture and language with the U2beks of what was formerly Soviet Central Asia, have been inspired by the independence achieved by the Central Asian republics. "We estimate there are one million Uighurs in the former Soviet Union," Turgan Kazimovitch, the editor of an Uighur newspaper, said. We now hope we can have our own state and join our relatives in our motherland.

# Ministers halt aid plan for republics

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

**EUROPEAN Community** foreign ministers have turned down European Commission plans to assemble a Marshall Plan-style programme of help for the Commonwealth of Inthat economic reform should not be confused by too many international bodies

The ministers agreed to try to remove obstacles which are blocking the release of £875 million in credits to buy food and medicines, saying they would ask finance ministers to relax conditions for the loans. They otherwise reacted cautiously to a plea from Frans Andriessen, the EC's loreign affairs commissioner, that unless the Community moved beyond emergency aid

# Moscow defends its scientists

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY

SEPARATE spokesmen in Moscow yesterday denied categorically that any Russian scientists were working for Middle Eastern countries on nuclear-related projects. Their denials came in response to a report in a West German newspaper which ciaimed that I raq had recruited about 50 nuclear scientists from the former Soviet

Academician Yevgeni Velikhov, who heads the Kurchatov scientific institute in Moscow, said: "Several hundred of our scientists do work there [the Middle East] on contract, but these are experts from a completely different field."

Vitali Churkin, the Russian foreign ministry spokesman. said: "I know it is not true. We have never had any co-operation with Iraq in the nuclear

Asked how he could be so sure. Mr Churkin said that the foreign ministry information department had checked and rechecked, and its information was reliable.

Mr Churkin added that the Kurchatov institute in Moscow had nothing to do with the development or the manufacture of nuclear weapons. He said that its work was purely theoretical and was concentrated in the energy field.

# Germans reject EC union

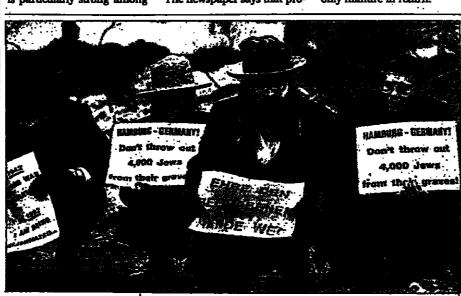
FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

ALMOST three-quarters of all Germans now believe that their country cannot afford further European union, according to a Wickert Institute poll. The findings underline the way in which public opinion has been aroused against the dropping of the mark in favour of a common European currency and they show concern has grown about the cost of European integration since the Maastricht summit. The anti-European feeling is particularly strong among

the young. The Wickert poll showed that 87 per cent of those aged to 30 felt that the cost of further European union would be too great, while 60 per cent in the 31 to 50 age group shared the same worty.

Bild, the popular daily newspaper which has been spearheading the campaign to save the mark, has now pointed out that EC taxes willcost every German 380.49 marks (£133.50) this year. The newspaper says that proposals by Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, would raise an extra 10 per cent in each of the next five years.

Such anti-EC sentiments are relatively new in Germany, but they have even spread to the annual Rhineland carnival. A huge model cow, representing the EC, was dragged through Düssel-dorf in the carnival procession yesterday. She was being fed with marks but produced only manure in return.



Sit-down protest: Orthodox Jews in Hamburg demonstrating against plans to build shops on the site of a 350-year-old Jewish cemetery yesterday

# Former Stasi chief

FROM ANNE McELVOY IN BERLIN

ERICH Mielke, East Germany's former head of state security who has apparently feigned semility for over a year to escape trial, has regained his senses in a sudden change

"I thought I was going mad, but I am not quite mad yet," he told the Berliner Zeitung newspaper and announced that he intends to defend himself against the charge of having shot dead two policemen in a communist street battle in 1931.

Herr Mielke's defence had hoped that the case would not proceed beyond the first few days, due to the time which has clapsed since the incident occurred or that the court would be convinced of the former minister's unfitness for trial. Judge Theodor Seidel, however, has become impatient with the delaying tactics and insisted that the evidence must be heard.

That seems to have been the catalyst for Herr Mielke's revival. Yesterday, he appeared in court for the first time without his absurd porkpie leather hat and with his hair neatly combed. He spent last week's hearings moaning and mumbling in the bullet-proof dock, but this time he remained silent and listened to the first reading of evi-dence from the Berlin police

records of 1931-3 with his eyes downcast. The prosecution is anxious not to base its case too heavily on the damning testament gathered by the Nazis after 1933 and possibly gained by torturing commu-

In his interview, Herr Mielke said that he had been "a simple functionary" in the 30s and added: "I ran like a terrier from house to house doling out 50-pfennig brochures. One was called, 'How should you behave in court?" He also said that he was prepared to die for his party before correcting himself: There was a party in those

Herr Mielke defended the record of his ministry which held files on 5.5 million East Germans and admitted that he feared their wrath more than the retribution of the courts. "There was peace and order then. People could walk on the streets - women as well. They will keep me in here for ever. Out there they would kill me."

He said that he had nothing to do with the mines and automatic shooting devices installed at the border. Asked what he felt about the 200 people, who had been killed as they tried to flee, he said: As human beings I feel sorry for them, but they knew that they were putting themselves

To the confusion of the public, the former minister, bitherto demonised as the worst of the regime's figures, cut a more convincing figure than many others of the for-mer elite. He agreed that senior party functionaries had lived in far better circumstances than the working class they claimed to represent. His turnaround seems calculated as a distinctly uncomradely tactic to throw the spotlight of blame on to Erich Honecker, the former leader, whose extradition Bonn has demanded from Moscow where is in hospital.

Herr Mielke indicated that he would be prepared to give information on how many of the state's atrocities Herr Honecker had been responsible for and appears to be intent on revenge against Margot Honecker, the former leader's wife and former education minister who has blamed the Stasi for the abuses of human rights in the East "Nobody was better informed than I as to what Honecker knew and did," he said. "She is trying to white-wash her husband."

# Italian comes to his senses mob pelts minister

Rome: Gianni De Miche the Italian foreign minister. had to be rescued by police wielding truncheons when left-wing demonstrators at-tacked him during the Venice carnival near his home on the Grand Canal (John Phillips

About 200 people, protesting at what they see as excessive commercialism during this year's carnival, confronted the minister as he walked to a lunch appointment at the Hotel Monaco. The crowd pelted Signor De Michelis with coins and throwaway cigarette lighters and spat at his four bodyguards. Some chanted "De Michelis is obese, he will be hanged".

Police charged the crowd and Signor De Michelis was able to run to the hotel as the protesters dispersed.

### Picasso stolen

Nice: A Picasso painting, been stolen from the Sophia-Antipolis business centre outside Antibes despite a complex security system. The painting is valued at more than £570,000. It was presented to the centre 12 years ago by the painter's widow, Jacqueline. (Reuter)

### Law chief goes

Prague: President Havel dis-missed Ivan Gasparovic, Czechoslovakia's general prosecutor, who had been accused by parliamentarians of failing to pursue former communist officials who abused their power. (Reuter)

### Treaty hope

Moscow: Russia and Japan should be able to sign a peace treaty by the end of the century, bringing second world war hostilities to a formal end. Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese prime minister, said. (Reuter)

### Greek passion

Brussels: About 2,000 ethnic Greeks, shouting "Macedonia is Greek", demonstrated outside a meeting of EC forcign ministers here in opposition to any EC move to recognise the Yugoslav republic as Maccdonia. (Reuter)

### Fast and lose

Amsterdam: A man caught driving his £100,000 Ferrari 348GTS at 150mph — twice the limit — may lose it under Dutch law giving authorities the right to confiscate and sell a car more than 44mph over the limit (AP)

# An Englishwoman's home is no castle

ike it or not, I am to be gentrified. The two letters from the Federal Office for the Administration of Assets leave no doubt about the inadequacies of my east Berlin abode.

The assets office informs me that the so-called double-glazed windows let in damp and dirt and that the front door is too insecure to count for insurance purposes - which had occurred to me after I discovered that it was possible to break in in 45 seconds using no more than a nail file. Nevertheless it is depressing to have it officially confirmed. The balcony, too, is apparently in need of structural streng-thening to prevent it falling on some luckless passer-by's

Having sorted out the immediate business of unifying the two Germanies, Bonn has turned its attention to the condition of the

former East Germany's state housing stock that was formerly the privileged residence of correspondents and diplomats. This is not as altruistic as it sounds, since improved housing stock means higher rents from the former state housing sector and so more money for Bonn's rapidly dwindling

We were unceremoniously handed over from the East's Office for the Provision of Services (which it didn't) to the West's asset administration office. The only notice-able difference is that the latter uses a more impenetrable vocabulary.

The Arnold Zweigstrasse, named after a modestly talented but properly social-ist German poet when it was laid out in the early Seven-ties, is not an architectural triumph, consisting of identical grey multistorey blocks. It was definitely sec-

ond-tier accommodation for visitors East Germany had little interest in impressing. Since unification, most of the Third World diplomats and businessmen have moved out of my street, for which our lives are the poorer. The Cuban trade attaché opposite, whose main purpose in the old German Democratic Republic seemed to be the provision of loud and alcoholic dance parties for the rest of us, has left to be replaced by a door west German insurance re-

presentative.

No longer, either, does one cast an idle glance out of the window to spot the Lao-tian family from the sixth floor proudly promenading with their two terriers, the entire ensemble sporting chopstick contraptions to keep their hair in place. dogs included. Downstairs, the charming French-speaking Africans who kept eight

children in a three-room flat without the rest of us ever hearing a squeak from them have been replaced by a wine-importing company from Wolfenbattel. New and old residents are, however, united in dismay at discovering that we are sup-posed to fund the orgy of door-renewing window-re-placing and balcony-rein-forcing out of our own pockets.

A self-declared reaction-ary cell has decided that it would prefer to stay scruffy than finance the homeprovement scheme, but it is fighting a losing battle against the desire of the bureaucrats to beautify us. We did ask however, if those doughty survivors of com-munism and capitalism, the kitchen cockroaches, could be more effectively disposed of. Sorry, came the answer, that does not fall under home improvement.

PEOPLE

Country singer on

# Serbs set up barricades to block Bosnia secession

FROM TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE republic of Bosnia-Her- half-Serb, half-Muslim newszegovina was brought to the brink of civil war yesterday as Serbs took up arms to prevent

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The republic's government met in emergency session and condemned the violence that followed the weekend referendum on independence. How-ever, Rusmir Mahmutcha-jic, the deputy prime mini-ster, said that force would not be used to tackle the barricades put up on Sunday night. and early yesterday. The government emphasised that talks on the future internal organisation of the republic under the aegis of the European Community would:

.The Serbian barricades of buses, lorries and refuse lorries were put up after a Serb carrying a flag was shot dead at his son's wedding. A gov-ernment statement said that while the identities of the killers were known they had not yet been caught.

Serbs make up 31 per cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina's 4.3 million people. The rest of the population is made up of Croats and Muslims. More than half of Sarajevo's inhabitants are Muslims and there are few Croats. However, as in many other parts of Bosnia, the population of the city is inextricably mixed. "I wish I could be put in a state of clinical death for two years, because that is how long it will take to solve this problem," said Samir Djukic, a

paper seller in the Muslim eart of Sarajevo. While the Serbs voted last

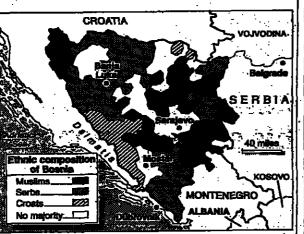
year in their own referendum to stay in whatever remains of Yugoslavia, last weekend's referendum confirmed the refusal of Muslims and Croats to remain in any Serb-dominated rump state. The latest figures showed that there had been a 65 per cent turnout in the referendum, with 64.7 cent of the electorate voting for independence.

Police stopped traffic on the main road out of Sarajevo in the direction of Belgrade vesterday. The police, which in Sarajevo is a Muslim-dominated force, were joined by civilians carrying Kalash-nikov rifles. Some of them were wearing berets with blue badges decorated with the new emblem of Bosnia.

The president of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman, pledged to use all his authority among the Bosnian Croats to try to avoid bloodshed and to reach a political solution that would be acceptable to all.

Bosnia boasts a high proportion of federal army military installations and is beed to house a large number of displaced army officers and their families. The federal presidency in Belgrade is expected to call on the European Community not to rush through the recognition of Bosnia-Herzegovina. - -

Sarajevo deaths, page



# Gun influx triggers fears of bloodbath

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

apart from individual garri-

sons, it is relatively satis-

fied with its lot. None the

less, it would take only a

and Serbian separatists

have led to tolerance over the past six months of a

Croatian paramilitary

build-up. The Bosnian lead-

ership seems to have been

willing to accept a reason-able level of Croat arma-

the Yugoslav army, but the numbers have been spinning out of control.

An interior ministry re-port suggests the Croat armament, some of which is supplied by the Croatian

national guard across the

border, is powerful. The self-confidence that has

grown with this supply of

weaponry, and the European Community's recogni-

tion of Croatia, have made

the Croats in western Herzegovina more radical.

The Muslims have also

become more radical. They

are a long way from being an Islamic fundamentalist fighting force, but the trips made by Alija Izetbejovic,

the Bosnian president, to Turkey, Libya, Iran and Su-

dan to win diplomatic sup-

port, also have a military

He told a Turkish newspaper last December that he would appeal "to friends — primarily Turkey — if the federal army should try to

attack". There is no question, it seems, of Turkish military involvement, but

Sarajevo has been full of rumours that both Libya

and Iran are ready to sup-

ply the Muslims. The Mus-lim strength is not so much

in its level of armament as

in its control of the organ-

few militant army com manders and a few local deals with Serbian radicals

to ignite the republic. Fears of a link-up be-tween army commanders

Amost half of the 4.3 million inhabitants of Bosnia-Herzegovina own guns, according to the latest estimates from the interior ministry in Sarajevo. In a republic where Muslims, Serbs and Croats live in the same blocks of flats, queue at the same petrol stations and sit in the same cases, that is the stuff of tragedy. The prediction made by Vuk Draskovic, the Serbian opposition leader, looks all too accurate: a Serbian secessionist war in Bosnia, he said, could mire Yuzoslavia

in "blood up to our knees". Gun ownership has a long history in Bosnia-Her-zegovina, but the equation has, been changing fast over the past few months. First, weapons, bought cheaply on the black mar-ket or imported, have been flowing in rapidly. They are often sophisticated, not wartime antiques. There is a growing readiness to use these weapons, even on the part of the cool-headed Bosnian Muslims, and the Serbs have been encouraged to believe a political solution can be achieved by

military means. The Serbian militants have been receiving their firepower chiefly from the Yugoslav army. Indeed the army, which is now dominated by Serbs in both the officer corps and the rank and file, is the big unknown in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbs make up 31 per cent of the republic's population — compared to 44 per cent of Muslims and 19 per cent of Croats - and even this census figure over-estimates Serbian strength. The high degree of intermarriage means that Serbian radicalism is not as strong as in Croatia. The Serbs would therefore be dependent in an all-out war on the support of the

The army is a heavy pres-

THERE was some Gallic head-scratching when Jack Lang, the French culture minister, appeared to an-Jack Lang is in trouble over his choice of Sylvester Stallone for the much respected César film award, writes nounce that Rimbaud was to

Philip Jacobson from Paris receive a Cesar, the leading French film award. Could this be Arthur Rimbaud, the nineteenth-centusurely the least likely to apry-poet and adventurer? No: the recipient turned out to be preciate Stallone's usual line of grunt-and-gouge Rambo and Rocky epics. He is, after

radios and poured govern-ment money into subsidis-

ing France's cherished film

Often a target of media gibes, M Lang has come under particularly heavy fire

for the award to Stalkone.

"Perhaps those already in

'Rimbaud' takes a bow

Rambo, aka Sylvester Stal-lone, the muscular Ameriall, the scourge of Yankee "intellectual imperialism". the firebrand who has called can actor. Georges Cravenne, organiser of the for a quota for feeble French César ceremony, insisted that far from being a mus-cle-bound chump, "Rambo" pop music on the nation's Stallone is something of an I find Rimbaud intellectual, who sculpts, easier to paints and writes his own scripts, and who chose the name Rambo as hommage translate

In the gilded splendour of the Palais Royal last night. M Lang also pinned the medal of the Ordre des Arts et Lettres on to Warren Beatty's manly chest. It was the fourth occasion this year on which M Lang has so honoured a visiting Ameri-can. If Messrs Beatty, Oliver Stone and Lou Reed might be judged to have earned an award for services to film or rock and roll, the decoration of Sylvester Stallone has attracted derision and hostility in French cultural circles.

Of all people, M Lang was

to Rimband.

the Ordre will conclude that M Lang would never have made such an idiot of himself unless Rambo threatened to destroy France and Rocky to thump the minister," wrote Bernard Pivot, the distinguished literary commentator, in Le Monde. Might it not have been more appropriate, he mused, to have presented the warrior from Hollywood with the Legion d'Honneur — "for military prowess, naturally".

Joking apart, M Pivot, who is anything but a cultural xenophobe, maintained that M Lang had utterly devalued the decoration by pressing it upon Stallone. What upsets me about this case is that Stallone represents the worst of American movies," he concluded tartly.
Those close to M Lang

insist that he is grievously misunderstood, being no foe of American culture, but simply opposed to the "un-equal relations" that exist in that respect between America and Europe as a whole.

# Japanese fight for tuna haul

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FROM JOANNA PITMAN

MORE than 100 placardwaving Japanese tuna fishermen set an early tone of confrontation as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species met in Kyoto. They were protesting against a Swedish plan to list west Atlantic blue fin tuna as an endangered species.

The fishermen shouted slogans arguing that the Japanese should be allowed to continue to eat 450,000 tonnes a year of tuna sashimi, the oily raw fish delicacy found on every Japanese gourner's dinner table. Sweden, which has seen its

fish stocks sharply depleted over the past decade, proposes to ban all trade in west Atlantic blue fin tuna, citing scientific evidence that the fish's adult population has declined by more than 90 per cent in the past 20 years. Japan is the world's biggest importer of tuna and in 1990 consumed three-quarters of all tuna caught in the western Atlantic However, Japanese fishermen deny that the species is endangered.

road to recovery in Bogota. "Never before has Tammy Wynette, the country

and western star, is expected to be released from hospital in Mackay, Australia, after treatment for an infection. She had collapsed just before a performance on Saturday.

China's Youth Post newspaper is tipping Oliver Stone, director of JFK, to turn his hand to the life of Mao Tsetung. However, local sources said they would be surprised if Peking allowed Mr Stone to go to China to film Mao's life, which is still a sensitive topic.

Sir Peter Ustinov, the actor and raconteur, is to be installed as chancellor of Durham University on May 7.

Prince Edward has left for a four-day camping trip in the jungles of Brunei to learn about the Royal Geographical Society's rain forest pro-ject at Kuala Balalong.

Gloria Estefan, the Cuban-American singer, belted out a Colombian dance standard, Yo Me Llamo Cumbia, during a concert for 60,000 fans an artist captured the hearts of so many Bogotános." El Tiempo newspaper said.

Gary Kasparov is to defend his world chess championship title on August 14, 1993. His challenger will come from semi-finalists Anatoly Karpov and Artur Yusupov. both of Russia, Nigel Short of Britain, and Jan Timman of The Netherlands.

A Spitting image puppet of the Rev Ian Paisley is expected to fetch £500 at Bonhams in London next week.

Constantin Bagration, a pre-tender to the Georgian throne, is in hospital after suffering a heart attack in Tbilisi. Mr Bagration, who lives in Spain, is in the republic for a private visit.

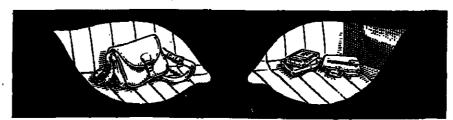
The Irish band U2 start their first American tour for five years on Saturday. They have been rehearsing in Lakeland, Florida, and Frank O'Reilly, the mayor, said he wanted to give them a key to the city.



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# Escape to the past

America craves nostalgia, writes Charles Bremner

or an exercise in nostalgia, nothing could beat America's coronation last week of the late Nat King Cole for a song he made famous 40 years ago. Millions tuned in to the Grammy awards ceremony to watch him, or at least his image, join his daughter Natalie in a rendition of "Unforgettable". Hailing a post-humous performance as record of the year may have had its macabre side, but it gave the country a chance to waft itself back into the land of bobby sox, meat-loaf and high school hops, a sunny

place which seems to be ever more attractive.

Flight into an imagined past is proving a
popular solace for Americans in these times of malaise, as a stroll down Broadway confirms The theatres are enjoying a boom, but nearly all the shows are revived antiques. Even the acclaimed new musical Crazy for You turns out to be a rehash of the Gershwins Girl Crazy under a politically correct name. Further down town at the Limelight Club, customers can escape into cyberspace. The club is one of several offering excursions into virtual reality, the 3-D computerised world projected inside a closed helmet and electrode-laden suit. The vogue for such digital thrills has enshrined "virtual" as the catchword of the season, to be applied to any electronic artifice. For those tired of virtual life (television), for example, there is always virtual sex (erotic phone services).

ately, however. America has been quite happily plunging into unreality without the else can one explain the ever more fanciful creeds and movements, from the Celtic myth-making of presidential contender Pat Buchanan to the tribal demonisation of white men and the crackpot conspiracy theories swirling through the popular culture? Escape certainly lies behind such crazes as the men's movement, in which suburbanites rush to the woods to bash drums and discover the inner child. Then there are the attempts to legislate reality away, the latest being a lookist by law in Santa Cruz which will forbid discrimination on grounds of a person's appearance. The most pervasive of all escapes is the cult of self-esteem, which has grown from Californian fad to a unified-field theory for all ills, from nailbiting to mass murder. Schools, businesses and prisons are now busy administering the elixir of positive self-image to cure any condition. The country certainly feels that it has a lot to

escape from, and it seems to be growing more morbid by the day. Look, for example, at the wave of advertising which tries to terrify the customer with images of death and injury. As well as Benetton's infamous Aids adverts; the Timex watch company is featuring people who have suffered brain damage, while Nike footwear is running a glossy campaign which reminds consumers that time's winged chariot is roaring down the freeway to get tham.

o what is making America so morose? As a perplexed Allan Greenspan, the chief of the Federal Reserve, keeps pointing out, the country seems to be suffering from a doorn gap, a gulf between the apocalyptic anxiety and the merely moderate depth of the recession. A consensus is forming that the malaise marks the end of a cycle in American history, one which began 45 years ago with the post-war surge of prosperity and American self-confidence. Returning from three years abroad, an editor at The Chicago Tribune said the other day that she had found her country in the grip of nervous breakdown. The cause, she said seemed to be the Europeanisation of the American mind, a painful process that involves shedding the supply conviction that all problems can be solved, and espousing the weary realism of the old world that life is basically tough.

Robert Samuelson took seven pages in Newsweek to explain that the country is being forced to go into cold turkey after a 40-year escape into utopia. The Age of Entitlement wa over and the American Dream with it, he said. 'Our pillars of faith are now crashing about us. We are discovering that we cannot, as we had once supposed, create prosperity at will." America is still fairly wealthy and strong, "but whatever happens, we cannot recapture the past". Somebody had better tell the recording industry. which is busy searching its archives in the race to cash in on the triumph of "Unforgettable".

### Too often arts programmes ignore the mainstream events that we want to hear about, says Janet Daley

T earing that its own working party had criticised the BBC's television coverage of the arts for over emphasising "counter-culture" must have brought a flush of smug satisfaction to many faces. And I admit that mine was one of them. Some months ago when The Late Show team asked me to contribute a paper to a seminar about their own future, I had made the same sort of

I wrote then that for perfectly sound broadcasting reasons, the programme had had to develop an identifiable tone of voice and the one which had been chosen seemed to be that of a trendy liberal studies department staffed by graduates in women's studies and interdisciplinary media. There seemed to be an assumption that the audience must be composed exclusively of people with the same priorities and prejudices, and an almost naive failure to understand just how many potential viewers do not share this world view. The Late Show - which absorbs most of BBC television's arts budget - would argue that it

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does cover the mainstream high arts, but that it seeks to do so in experimental ways.

What this amounts to, as often as not, is subsuming even the familiar classical arts into the atmosphere of avant-gardism which dominates the pro-gramme. We are all aware now of the iniquity of artistic snobbery: of the need to break down the notion that high culture is only for a socially acceptable elite. All of us, presumably, want an end to the old exclusivities. But new exclusivities can be equally intimidating. You can scare people off the arts by persuading them that they are not eligible to join your club unless they accept a package of views which is essentially leftwing, feminist and anti-establishment just as well as by

turning up your nose at their By making rock music, political fringe theatre and the

ephemera of media youth culture the motifs against which all discus-sion is held, and by hiring trendy young presenters (Blue Peter meets Time. Out?) the programme suggests that the arts belong to a fash-ionable circle of people speaking in self-congratulatory code. Even coverage of the forms of high art which

more and more

people are finding accessible (such as classical music) is drawn into the web by abstruse or perverse treatment, which is simply alienating to the

The prevailing left-wing tenor of arts discussion cannot be ignored. Not that it is illegiti-



Avant garde: The Late Show's Sarah Dunant

cise the arts. What make of this? who has had little or no higher education but who has real intellectual curiosity and aspirations. Suppose he (or she) is, in a tentative way, trying to find his way to the life of the mind through his local library and the intelligent media. Suppose also

that he is the first generation of

own terms with an

artistic area where

left-wing opinion

makes most of the

running (such as

contemporary theatre). What repels

is the overweening

complacency, the

dear message that

we all share the

same post-1960s

assumptions about

the need to politi-

to take holidays abroad and to have enough money to spend on a CD player for which he is beginning to collect classical music. And suppose further that he attributes many of these he attributes many of these advantages (rightly or wrongly) to the political culture of the Thatcher years.

What sort of message is he getting from this sort of programming? That this is the way really artistic people think? That unless he is a party to this mental set, he has no right to participate in the world if ideas? I am not talking about politics specifically, but about lifestyle and perhaps about tolerance true open-mindedness. What ought to be important is that people are given access to the life of reason and sensibility. whether or not they end up agreeing with the programme makers (or the artists). For this

to happen, the experience of art

has to be separated from the received opinion of the moment. Which is not to say that you can't have some esoteric programming devoted to the incesmous murmurings of specialists. only that arts programmes should not be exclusively and monolithically like this.

British television has become quite adept at introducing the serious arts to a wide audlence through popular programmes (think of the use of opera in Inspector Morse). but it fails to offer much help to those initiates who wish to go further. There is nothing to span the gulf between that first glimmer of interest and the arcane mysteries of the cognoscenti. Those secret gardens to which arts programmes should hold the key are not the sole province of anyone's circle of friends, or any particular generation, or any group of political bedfellows.

One of the great privileges of artistic experience is that it offers a route to independence of spirit. It is pernicious to suggest, even subliminally, that only the like-minded may legiti-

# Scotland's false romanticism

Jonathan Clark argues that the Scots must accept that their past is not as simple or as glorious as they like to believe cots nationalism, we are told, is the spectre haunting the politics of the United Kingdom. Like

Banquo's ghost, the spirit of this proud and ancient nation, foully murdered and long unpropitiated, will return to haunt the feast over which the English presumptuously reside.
The force of the Scottish National Party's case derives less from calculations of future economic advantage for a separated Scotland or from ethnic or religious antagonism between Scots and English, than from

this invocation of an ancient

national identity, waiting in the wings to receive its just, natural and therefore inevitable reward. More than any other party in British or Irish politics, the SNP's case is overtly historical. Labour has ceased to preach the long march of Everyman. Conservatives have given up trying to invent a genealogy for John Major's timeless administrative expertise. In daily politics, even the Ulster parties' mental horizons seldom extend further back than the 1960s civil rights movement, despite vivid images of the Battle of the Boyne and the siege of Londonderry. Scots nationalism is different. It claims its historic heritage. And

this is its weak point. Far from being uplifted by their history, the Scots have over many centuries been strikingh bad at maintaining and developing a useful sense of national identity. Worse, Scotland lost much of the self-image it once possessed. Medieval Scotland was a considerable achievement of dynastic politics over poverty and localism. It boasted four universities to England's two. and into the 16th century, Scottish culture was famous

Europe. This mental sustained a Scots identity built around dynastic history and religion rather than the folk culture of Robert Burns. It was this which went disastrously wrong.

The accession of the Stuart to the English throne in 1603 should have been a jackpot for needy Scots, but the English resisted too close an integration. and the uncompromising Cal-vinism of John Knox's Reforma-tion now caused divisive conflict in Scotland over a Stuart dynasty whose loyalties swung first to Canterbury, then to Rome.

The Glorious Revolution, ardently espoused by Scots Presbyterians, began the break-up and suppression of this high culture of latinity, episcopalianism and dynastic legitimacy. With dour thoroughness, episcopalians and nonjurors were expelled from their posts as clergy. schoolmasters and academics. and were subjected to lasting and effective persecution.



The Union of 1707: since then cries for independence have echoed Jacobite yearnings for the king over the water

Presbyterians hailed William III, and later the Hanoverians, as saviours of their religious and civil liberties: but, far more than in England, Scots were divided. Presbyterianism survived at the cost of sacrificing a national identity which had grown up in another mental world.

The Union of 1707 was similarly debilitating, for it rested on the Whig doctrine that Scots and English identities had been subsumed. Scotland became North Britain, inhibited from asserting its separateness lest the result be Stuart, Catholic tyranny. In the same spirit, the luminaries of the Scottish Enlightenment thought themselves emanicipated from the feudal inheritances of Scottishness. The more they were quietly patronised as provincials, the more Scots intellectuals de-

clared themselves to be citizens

of the world. Old self-images cut little ice in a new age. When Scots boasted of their long genealogies and their ancestral achievements, English culture turned them into stage Scotsmen. This was grossly unfair to an ancient civilisation, but cultural politics is never fair. English historiography, politics and letters swamped Scottish society more

effectively than Hanoverian arms subdued the Highlands. Practical Scots, such as Pitt's henchman Henry Dundas, began to dip their hands into the iam not of imperial prosperity. Resentful Scots, such as Henry Brougham, James Mackintosh and James Mill migrated to London and attached themselves to English reformers, whether the aristocratic Whigs

of Holland House or the utilitarians in the circle of Jeremy Bentham. Yet the goal of the Scots was to reconstruct British society in their image, not to put back the clock of Scottish integration. Moreover they were rationalists: The Edinburgh Review attacked the English Lake Poets for their democratic impulses, but thereby also reject-

ed their romantic nationalism. Keir Hardie, the first Labour MP, supported Scottish independence, but once the Labour party took hold in Scotland, its electoral base there was too valuable to lose. The stronger Scots MPs' socialism became, the weaker was their nationalism. Yet even more Scots reached high office in the Liberal and Conservative parties, and whatever the Liberals' attitude to Ireland, they too hung onto their Scottish base. As Lord Rosebery, later Liberal prime minister, privately complained. "Justice for Ireland means everything done for her. even to the payment of the natives' debts. Justice to Scotland means insulting neglect." In European history, nation-

alism is assumed to be a single phenomenon which. launched, can only grow. Scotland's history shows us a variety of forms of national self-awareness, some triumphalist, others self-abnegatory. Given the antiquity of Scottish society, its well-recorded and distinctive achievements in religion and politics, law and letters, what is remarkable is the weakness of Scots nationalism. Sir Walter Scott recreated an older world of dynastic power politics and armed rebellion only when it could no longer harm.

he Edinburgh Parlia ment, strictly, only adjourned before the Union of 1707; nationalists claim it did not abolish itself. Since then, schemes for devolution or looser union have been commonplace. In 1970, even Scottish Tories voted by four to one to back the plan of Alec Douglas Home's constitutional committee for a third Scottish chamber of the British parliament. The English have often contemplated such schemes with indulgence, but onto the cultural roots of nationalism. The invented Victorian trappings of kilts and tartans were not enough.

The SNP taps widespread commitments: many Scots have been led, against the evidence, to expect economic gains from independence. But there is more than a whiff of nostalgic retroheroics about the movement, an echo of Jacobite yearnings for a king over the water. Will he no come back again? Will some ancient national identity not return to assuage Scotland's practical problems by its charismatic, atavistic authority? The historian may be sceptical. The past has not performed that function for the Scots for many centuries. There are few good reasons for expecting it to do so in our unhistorical present. The author is a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.



# ...and moreover Peter Barnard

y wife has just comsome task of the week. which is to say that she has Spanglered the house from top to bottom, and all I can claim to have done in the elapsed time is ruminate on the bizarre fact that as soon as you put a brand name in print these days you will like as not get a letter from the lawyers representing said name to the effect that you had better not do it again or they will sue (Xerox to the editor). There, I have done it already.

Photocopy to the editor is what I should have said. Xerox being "the registered trade mark of Rank Xerox Ltd and Xerox Corp. 338 Euston Road". Not the likeliest address for a corp. I will grant, you associate a corp with the United States but in these transatlantic days a corp is a moveable beast. The UK Press Gazette is where

I found it. A supplement therein this week reminds hacks that a suprisingly large number of companies will pay folding money for space in which to advertise the strange fact that they do not, thanks very much. require any free publicity so will we please stop saying Xerox when we mean copy and could we please refrain from Hoovering the house when what we

mean is vacuuming. Which very nearly brings us to the oddly familial Smith and Nephew, but not before we have nipped smartly backwards to page two of yesterday's Times, graced as it was by a piece under the byline of yours truly concerning a certain amount of grief on the M4. "Portakabins" was the word I used in that piece as submitted, but a smart subeditor who gets his Press Ga-zette before I do changed it to "three portable offices", which put me in my place. Or as the ad in the UKPG expresses it "Portakabin is not a generic term for portable buildings". Of course for all the sub-editor

knew, they might have been Portakabins, I might have sprawled in the mnd to ascertain from the nameplate the precise type and place of manufacture: I could have done, oh all right, I didn't. I think I shall switch to the tabloids, you do not get this sort of nonsense with them. "Tabloid: pharmaceutical products, reg-istered trade mark of the Wellcome Foundation Ltd. Not a newspaper format." Heck, really? I have telephoned my GP to ask for The Sun on prescrip-tion, but he is now a fund-holder with a specifed drugs list and claims that The Sun is not among those present. And they wonder at the state of the health

As for you you were wondering if I had forgotten Smith and Nephew. UKPG, page 21: "Elastoplast is a trademark owned by T.J. Smith and Nephew Ltd. Elastoplast is not a generic word meaning first-aid dressings or plasters. Please use

only with a capital 'E' and only as an adjective." Now wait a minute. Did T.J. write that last bit, or was it is his I have the breed correct, a bit overfond of telling auntie and uncle what munipy did when daddy was at that weekend seminar, a bit prone to bursting balloons behind your ear when you are trying to watch the

I can quite see how companies get a tad miffed about their names being taken in vain, I can understand their litigious reaction when someone writes "I put Elastoplast on but it fell off when they really mean an entirely different brand of plaster made by F.E. Jones and Second Cousin, but I am damned if T.I. and Neph are going to teach me grammar. What Elastoplast is is a proprietory name, that is what it is and if it were not that it would be a noun. But an adjective it is not. Adjective: "Additional, not standing by itself, dependent." (You will be relieved to hear that the definition comes from the dictionary, not the Press Gazette: adjective is not yet a brand name, except in the most important sense that the English nguage owns it.) Which only leaves me to ease

the tension that has been apparent since you read paragraph one, speculating as you have been as to what on earth has happened to the house as a consequence of my wife Spang-lering it. The good Mr Spangler was an American janitor, or as we say caretaker, who invented the vacuum cleaner. Thus Spanglering. I trust that will write that last bit, or was it is his nephew, a right little know-all if ever ready to be confounded.

### Gravy train stops short

ALTHOUGH the EC summit in Edinburgh next December will bring millions of pounds in revenue, councillors are whingeing that they have received only a fraction of the sum the govern-ment has committed to Manchester's bid for the Olympics.

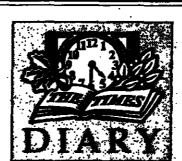
Council chiefs say they have been forced to raise poll-tax bills by £3 a head to offset the expense of policing. Ministers have agreed to pay half the £4 million security bill, but the Edinburgh organisers say that when the summit was held in Maastricht, security costs were reimbursed by the Dutch government.

Adrian Shinwell, president-elect of the Scottish Conservative party. says. "I deplore the parsimonious attitude of Lothian. Edinburgh, as the centre of international attention for this vital European summit, can only benefit."

Critics of the plaintive Edinburgh councillors point to the Maastricht bash, which transformed the town from a Dutch backwater into a place everyone in Europe has heard of and many can even spell. The city has allocated £109,000 for "promoting Edinburgh", but some of the city's councillors maintain that they have been presented with a poisoned, and pricey chalice. To press home its pleas of impecunity, the council has chosen a most unglamorous venue from which to co-ordinate promotion of the city: an empty caretaker's flat in the

• At yesterday's launch of National Dyslexia Week, the Duke of Westminster achieved a remarkable Dogberryism, introducing junior education minister Michael Fallon as Michael Flannel.

council offices.



### **Camping out**

DAME SHIRLEY PORTER. Peter Lilley and Sir Peter Imbert have all, in their time, shown a talent for amateur theatricals, which may explain why they have each been invited to take part in a Good Friday enactment of the Passion Play in Victoria Street, one of London's busiest thoroughfares.

"I am delighted by the invitation," says Dame Shirley, while diplomatically declining to say which part she thought would suit her. "I will happily take part if i can.'

Peter Lilley, a practising Anglican, whose office is in Victoria Street, is also keen. "I think he would like the part of one of the Three Wise Men," says an aide, perhaps confused by the leap year into thinking it is Christmas. "Or all of them."

• A new Tory poster rails against "Labour's Double Whammy", but nobody seems quite sure what a . whammy, double or single, actually is. An embarrassed spokesman at Central Office, leafing through various dictionaries, finally announced that it meant a "crippling curse or double misfortune". If people have to turn to a dictionary to understand the ad, it must count as a double-edged

## Necessities

ONE of our most adept diplomatic wives, Lady Braithwaite, wife of the British ambassador in Moscow, could last year be seen providing nourishment to demonstrators on the barricades outside the Russian parliament; to-night she is in Durbar Court in the Foreign Office feeding cabinet ministers, diplomats and other well-heeled guests at the launch of her charity. British Emergency Action in Russia and the Republies (Beart).

Standing outside Moscow's White House on the night of the coup, I realised I was watching a country come out of the ice age. To



prevent it disintegrating, we have to act immediately," she says. The Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor, as well as members of the Kirov Ballet will be among the 400 guests supporting Bearr's wel-

"Britain has tremendously strong links with Russia. Towns want to help their twins, people want to help distant relatives," Lady Braithwaite explains. The Braithwaites, who will be returning to Britain in the spring, have aiready set an example in tracing

lost relatives: a family of Braithwaites, she says, emigrated to Russia in the 1850s and started a paper factory.

### Troubled water

CHRISTIE'S is unexpectedly withdrawing Constable's Harnham Bridge, near Salisbury from its scheduled spring sale. "I have been advised verbally that although we have a contract, we are to release the picture back to the consigner," says Noel Annesley, the deputy chairman of Christie's International.

There is speculation in the art world that a rift over the value of the painting has developed between Christie's and the vendor, Lucy Phillips, widow of the Queen's cousin, the late Nicholas Phillips, who died last spring leaving debts of £1 million.

Mrs Phillips is under pressure to break up the family's famous Wernher collection, which also includes works by Titian and Rubens. The Constable was to be the first painting to go under the hammer. Mrs Phillips is said to have expected at least £1 million from the sale, but experts say the painting is in poor condition and might earn her considerably less.

• A ripple of eager anticipation ran round the Times offices with the news that the paper's "Keep our wits about you" posters, featuring excerpts from our columnists and writers, has won an award for best copy from the Creative Circle advertising awards. Who was to be honoured, we wondered? At the awards ceremony yesterday, however, it emerged that it was not our wits, but yours that have carried off the prize. which goes to the poster featuring a selection of letters to the Editor.

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### THE TIMES TUESDAY MARCH 3 1992



# **DARLING BUDS IN MAY?**

British prime ministers dislike fixed-term parliaments because they would deny them foom for manoeuvre. A variable election date means they can go to the country when it suits their convenience. They can play tunes on the electoral keyboard. Public spending, tax-cuts, foreign trips: all can be exploited to maximise party gain.

So why is John Major still planning to go to the country on April 9, which is looking less and less like a good date for him? The longer he refuses to say when he is going, the more people will take it for granted he is going in April, and the harder it is to go when his interests dictate he should, on May 7 or later. The delay would make it look as if he is running scared. He has allowed the blessed flexibility of the British constitution to be a trap. Mr Major is losing the initiative.

The arguments for waiting until at least May 7 remain as strong as a month ago though abandoning April must soon be so damaging as to cancel them out. For the country's sake, May 7 shares a date with local elections. It also puts a decent period for reflection after the Budget to enable policy to be judged more in the round. For the Tories' sake, the case for May is even stronger. Ministers have so lavishly presold the Budget that, in stockmarket parlance, it is already discounted. Worried Tories are even pondering the electoral appeal of a "responsible" Budget which minimised tax cuts.

There is a high risk in declaring an election campaign open with a Budget in the midst of a recession. All attention will focus on the economy, black hole of so many political reputations. Norman Lamont will be pitched against John Smith. The Tory belief that the public is lying when it says it prefers public spending to tax cuts will be tested to destruction.

The government's interests lie in putting a distance between Budget and ballot, not

because the Budget need be bad news but because any good news will take time to soak through the electoral filter bed. The cabinet is clearly vulnerable on public borrowing, whether or not Labour is too. The promised give-aways, touchingly referred to by ministers as a "budget for jobs", will be easy to satirise but take longer to notice across the. supermarket counter. And if the muchvaunted recovery really is on the way and the Treasury has the courage of its convictions, the longer the election is postponed the more obviously will spring follow winter.

The electorate is said to be heartily sick of the campaign already. This is not surprising, thanks to the BBC's cravenness in giving politicians copious airtime to make idiots of themselves in the cause of "entertainment radio", witness the infantile shouting of Michael Howard and John Cunningham on radio yesterday morning. To a political professional, this does not matter in the slightest. All that matters to Mr Major is that the voters, in getting sick of the election, should be getting more sick of Labour.

This is already an election of Great War proportions, of long steady pounding, of patience, of herve, of attrition. The winner will be the side that can take the most casualties and throw still more troops and shells into battle. The exhaustion of the fastidious classes, of those with no stomach for the fight, does not matter: winning matters. The Tories would be tactically welladvised to play this one long, testing Neil Kinnock's nerve, exposing the weak links in his team, forcing him to expend his best arguments and waste his ammunition. Governments may not have the best tunes, but they have institutional stamina. If Mr Major wants to do himself a favour, he would announce an election on May 7, throw Labour off its stride and settle down for a long hard pound.

## **EUROPE WITHOUT FRONTIERS**

Where are the boundaries of Europe? This question has become all the talk of Brussels, and is exercising Commission officials returning from the former Soviet Union. For over a millennium the question was superfluous. The Western world was conterminous with Christendom. Gradually scholars began to define Europe geographically: the land mass surrounded by sea except in the East, where the Ural mountains formed a notional frontier. As the Russian empire expanded south and east, the Urals ceased to have relevance. Russia - and after it the Soviet Union - was a Eurasian power, straddling the two continents.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union an academic question has suddenly taken on political significance. The European Commembership of several East European countries. How far east should it go? Could it one day admit Russia and Ukraine? And if so, what about other former republics of the Soviet Union such as Kazakhstan, touching on the borders of China, which announced at the weekend its wish to join?

The definition of Europe bears also on other bodies. The Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe decided, with little debate, to admit all the former Soviet republics, on the ground that as part of the Soviet Union they were once members. The Strasbourg-based Council of Europe, increasingly seen as the guardian of European values and democracy, has already granted Russia special guest status. Should it stretch definitions to foster European values and parliamentary democracy as far afield

as possible? Frans Andriessen, the EC external affairs commissioner, was terse when asked about Kazakhstan. "It seems difficult to change the map," he said. Under the Treaty of Rome, geography is a first filter, before democracy, human rights and economics come into consideration. But maps can be changed. Asia Minor was never considered "Europe" until Ataturk oriented Turkey north-west instead of south-east. And what about Georgia and

Armenia, south of the Caucasus mountains? They have always been part of Christendom, but only marginally part of Europe.

Definitions matter only if political and economic relations are determined by geography. In security it makes sense to go beyond the "Atlantic to the Urals" and extend CSCE to the Chinese borders. In mapping out political and economic union this makes less sense. Luckily the EC will not have to cross this bridge at least until the next century: even in a second phase of enlargement that may follow the admission of the Scandanavian and Alpine countries, the republics of the former Soviet Union are probably last on the list.

Aid, trade and co-operation do not depend on definitions. The Community is free to aid already has co-operation agreements with the Mediterranean littoral, and has negotiated more comprehensive association agreements with Eastern Europe - none of which imply eventual membership. Yesterday EC foreign ministers rejected a new "Marshall plan" for the former Soviet Union

- not because of any problems of eligibility, but because they say too many grandiose plans would confuse the work of the International Monetary Fund.

Europe however must not be too literal in defining itself. For centuries it did its best to extend European government, values and culture beyond its geographical domain, and so succeeded that countries such as Australia and New Zealand still have difficulty in thinking of themselves as Pacific. Now it is attempting to raise the drawbridge around the old continent, using old concepts of the unity and heritage of Christendom to discourage applicants to the club from the Muslim east. Europa, legend has it, was herself an immigrant, borne through the sea from Tyre to Crete on the back of a bull. Through her, civilisation passed symbolically from the Levant to the Greeks. Today's Europe should ensure that its own rich benefits are shared with those on its borders, whatever the mans say.

### A BRIDGE NOT FAR ENOUGH

Britain may no longer breed Brunels. But when it comes to failing to transport bridges down motorways, we still lead the world. British engineers complain that they do not receive as much public esteem as other professions. Bright children become doctors or lawyers or architects, or take up lucrative trades such as merchant banking or television news reading. Engineering, they whinge, is looked down on as brown-collared and greasy-fingered by that universal scapegoat, the British class system.

This is to underestimate the British passion for vicarious engineering, for playing with grown-up Lego. Inside every arts graduate, there is an engineer struggling to get out. He is being exercised and entertained by the efforts to remove a 2,045-ton bridge in one piece between junctions 20 and 21 on the M4. Yesterday there were still tailbacks and angst at Ingst in Avon, and crowds

watching the bridge that refused to budge. The bridge is only 25 years old, and a brute rectangle of pre-stressed concrete, but it is deemed incapable of carrying the 40-ton lorries that EC regulations have lined up for it by 1999. The engineers with a £300,000 contract to demolish it decided to cut the bridge loose and transport it down the M4 to a lay-by a mile away, where it could be smashed up at leisure by hydraulic breakers. After only 30 yards one of the transporters sank into the roadside, the bridge started to crack up, and the whole surrealist apparatus

slewed across the motorway and blocked it. Engineering expens, quartered at millions of breakfast tables, are now wallowing in the joys of hindsight. Why was the brute not blown up where it stood, and the rubble carted off by mechanical removers? Houses too close for such a bang? Surely that could be baffled? Why not cut it up in place, or use different jacks and different balf-tracks "like any fool could design in his back yard", or send for the sappers with small petards, or just wait for the 40-ton lornes to grind it to powder? Retrospect is the best engineer. But it becomes fun for the back-seat bridgebuster only when it goes wrong.

Building bridges is a British art-form. from London bridge - the reason why the capital is in the south-east of the island - to the Forth Bridge, the painting of which has become a proverb for work that never ends. But breaking bridges is an equally noted British aptitude. A nursery rhyme commentorates the fall of one London Bridge. A desert in Arizona commemorates the demolition of another. The people's Poet Laureate, William McGonagall, immortalised the disaster of the railway bridge of the silvery Tay; the cutting and bridge at Archway on the northern approaches to London began life as a tunnel designed by engineers that went

badly wrong. In fact British engineers are the best in the world at breaking bridges. This they do in style, transporting bridges wholesale down motorways instead of by methods that might seem simpler to laymen. What they should do now is declare an open competition for armchair engineers, schoolchildren and students, to propose and cost every option for the otiose M4 bridge. Not the least of the functions of the British engineer is to act as Heath Robinson, to provide entertainment and illumination for the enthusiast, and thus add to the esteem of their profession.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Britain and Australia: fall-out from second world war

ally, rather a fact of war.

lems as far as possible.

the mainland. We met this attack as

best we could and bravely, but there

was no shameful abandonment of an

I can understand Australia's dis-

may when we joined the European

Common Market, which would in-

evitably affect its exports to Britain,

but this was necessary to maintain

our position amongst other world

traders - a position which could

help us stand by our friends, not least

Australia Concessions, however,

were made to meet Australia's prob-

I hope that the Australian people

will remember us more kindly and

not just the instances given by their prime minister. For our part, we British will always remember the

way Australia sprang to join us in wars to defend justice and words like

Gallipoli, linked with gallant cour-

Sir, My father was shot by the Japanese during the combined British/Australian attempt to pre-

vent or delay the overrun of the

He was in hospital in Singapore

when British troops were ordered to surrender — not just to save them-

selves but to prevent the Japanese

from massacring the entire local

I have in my possession a wooden cigarette box given to my father by a grateful bunch of Aussies who with him survived four years in various

camps along the Thailand railway.

It was presented with a note saying "To Bill Thirlby — not bad for a bloody pom." It is treasured as a

memento and is surely more repre-

sentative of most Australians' atti-

tude than those of their current

Sir, Australia's geographical isola-tion from Europe dictates that it is now economically interdependent

within a different geo-political sphere. It has been so for some time.

Its well-being relies on its ability to

thrive within the community of

nations bordering the Pacific basin.

United Kingdom is at best irrelevant

and at worst dangerously misleading

to a young country fighting for its

place in the sun in a community of

Our desire for this extra dimension

of "independence" is, I would like to

think, a most understandable in-

clination in what is after all a

powerful neighbours.

These realities dictate that a

age, will never be forgotten.

Yours faithfully

February 29.

PHILIP ROGERS,

Church Close, Newick, East Sussex.

Malayan peninsula.

whingeing leader.

20 Charles Street,

RICHARD THIRLBY.

From Mr Peter Thomas

Yours faithfully.

Mayfair, W1.

February 27.

From Mr Richard Thirlby

Sir. Not surprisingly, Prime Min-ister Keating's allegations about Britain's behaviour towards Australia in the second world war (report, February 28) have generated more heat than light. May I, as a former British High Commissioner in Canberra, put the record straight on one point?

I was particularly struck by Mr Keating's repetition of the old ca-nard that Britain would not "give us our troops back to keep ourselves free from Japanese domination". The first time I heard this said was in an Australian television film called The Last Bastion in 1984. The High Commission promptly did some research. The facts we unearthed

were as follows.

At the beginning of 1942 there were three Australian divisions in the Middle East, the 6th, 7th and 9th. On January 27 Churchill told the House of Commons:

We shall not put any obstacle to the return of the splendid Australian troops who volunteered for imperial service to defend their own homeland or whatever part of the Pacific theatre may be thought most expedient.

The 7th Division was the first to set sail, bound, with the explicit agreement of the Australian government, for the Netherlands East Indies. By the time it was nearing its destina-tion Singapore had fallen (on Febmary 15) and it was apparent to all that the end could not be long delayed in Java.

In these circumstances the British government proposed the diversion of the 7th Division to Burma, where it was hoped its arrival would help to save Rangoon. But Prime Minister John Curtin thought otherwise: on February 17 he informed Churchill that the Australian government wanted the immediate return of the

6th and 7th Divisions to Australia. Churchill pleaded with Curtin to change his mind and made it clear that every effort would be made to relieve the 7th Division as soon as possible, so that it could return to Australia with the 6th and the 9th: he also got President Roosevelt to add his weight to the request. Curtin refused and that was that. But the legend lives on.

Yours sincerely. JOHN LEAHY (UK High Commissioner to Australia, 1984-8), Manor Stables, Bishopstone, Seaford, East Sussex. February 29.

From Sir Philip Rogers

Sir, I was most unhappy to read the cism of our country, criticism by the leader of a country, long a friend and stalwart ally in many wars.
Our preparation for the defence of

Singapore was erroneously planned on the basis that attack would come from the sea; in the event, the attack came from highly trained and skilful fighters in jungle warfare through

Kuwait borders dispute

Sir, Christopher Walker's article of

February 24, "Dispute looms over new Kuwait border", reaches the

convincing conclusion that Iraqi access to the Gulf will continue to be

a festering sore in the coming decades, but not necessarily for the

right reasons. His account endorses

the recently reported statement by Mr Tareq Razouki, Kuwaiti repre-

sentative to the United Nations, to

the effect that the demarcation of

borders will be totally different from

by the UN demarcation team. They will probably announce a delimita-

tion, if the objections of the Iraqi

delegate can be overcome (a big if), in

the spring of this year which corre-

sponds very closely to the line which Britain maintained (from 1951) was

meant to be introduced by the

notoriously vague diplomatic correspondence which had originally fixed

the boundary in 1923 and 1932.

This is the limit shown in most

The present confusion has been

caused because, for nearly 30 years

following the settlement of the 1961

Kuwait crisis, Iraq had extended its

administration up to the Arab League line, a track which ran

indicate belated recognition of the

In crowded streets the longer

stopping times add significantly to traffic congestion, with other vehicles

unable to pass (with consequent

accident-causing aggravation). Pas-

senger and bus journeys take longer,

bus operators questionable.

DAVID GOODENDAY.

Yours faithfully,

Bunkers Dip, Neville Drive, N2.

February 26.

making any overall economy for the

This seems a case where supposed

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improved productivity has proved illusory and damaging.

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may be sent to a fax number -

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limitations of one-man buses?

Routemaster revival

atiases.

No new boundary is contemplated

those pertaining 60 years ago.

From Mr Richard Schofield

parallel to but south of the notional international boundary. At their closest point the two limits were 350 metres apart - at their furthest,

some two kilometres.
Oil wells were sunk by Iraq directly above this de facto territorial limit, while the modern port of Umm Qasi expanded across the notional boundary to the very same Arab League line. Kuwait generally turned a blind eye. Now in 1992, Iraq will be required to abandon all of this infrastructure south of the boundary

United Nations resolutions of 1991 compel the demarcation team to finalise the existing legal bound-ary as originally defined in 1923 and 1932, and to ignore any temporary de facto lines. There is no point now in blaming the demarcation commission for carrying out their man-date. It is not their fault that the settlement of the Kuwait crisis did nothing to solve the perennial problem of Iraqi access to the Gulf. Yours faithfully, RICHARD SCHOFIELD

(Deputy Director), Geopolitics and International Boundaries Research Centre, School of Oriental and African Studies. Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, WC1. February 25.

# Mortgage rescue

From Mr David Goodenday Catholic Building Society Sir, Dare one hope that the reprieve and refurbishment of Routemaster buses (photograph, February 25)

February 22) rightly stresses the importance of mortgage income the major building societies pledged that they would hold back from possessions.

income support in the 16 weeks following unemployment. Then the eventual payment is only 50 per cent of the interest due in the first 16 weeks. In contrast, tenants are given full housing benefit support from the date of unemployment, as Mr Boléat

act of government discrimination was introduced when unemployment was almost at its 1980s peak of 3.1 million in January 1987. In that year there were only 26,390 building society possessions. Now that un-

From the Chairman of the

Sir, In rejecting Councillor Margaret Moran's call for government intervention in mortgage rescue schemes, Mr Mark Boléat (letter, support for homebuyers being paid directly to lenders. In return for this

Many borrowers are however still being deprived of any mortgage acknowledges.

It was always astonishing that this

Yours faithfully. PETER THOMAS, 47 Southbrook Road. Lee, SE12.

relatively new nation. It contains,

ignore this need at this point in our

history is unconstructive and de-

democratic motive.

meaning.

March 1.

From Mr Theo Aronson Sir, Australians putting their arms around British queens is nothing new. During the second world war, Oueen Mary lived at Badminton in Gloucestershire. One day, while visiting Bath, she met a group of Australian soldiers. Boldly, they asked if they could be photographed with her. Queen Mary agreed and as they were all lining up for the photographer, she suddenly felt an arm encircling her waist.

Far from being annoyed, this normally unapproachable old Queen was delighted. "It really was very comical and unexpected at my age", she afterwards reported to her brother, the Earl of Athlone.

Yours sincerely. THEO ARONSON, North Knoll Cottage, 15 Bridge Street, Frome, Somerset. February 28.

From Mr John Green Sir. In 1917, Henry Lawson, perhaps the greatest of Australia's poets,

Our own who reek not of a king's regalia; Tinsel of crowns and courts that fume and fret. Are fighting for her - fighting for Australia – And blasphemously hail her "Eng-

land Yet." Lawson, who came of Nordic "digger" stock, implied Australia's acceptance of responsibilities which England had assumed in the southern oceans. Whingeing now about Singapore (we did later lose two battleships) and the Common Mar-ket (for which most people in the UK have grave reserve, precisely because of the Commonwealth) is hardly worthy of a people into whose hands

has passed a torch. Australia, whose adult culture so many of us love and admire, should surely find politicians who can match the gravity that this entails.

Yours etc... JOHN GREEN, The Manor. Chedworth, Gloucestershire. February 29.

### Assisted places From the Chairman of the

Headmasters' Conference Sir, You say of the assisted-places scheme (leading article, February 28) that it is "a misuse of public money to subsidise a private in-dustry". Once one starts to regard education simply as an "industry".

much else follows. Most civilised countries regard it as something quite different, and, by giving financial support to all schools (including independent) make an important affirmation both

about the dignity of education and about the rights of minorities. The dismissive and cynical tone of your leader is in marked contrast to the urgency with which recently liberated countries in Eastern Europe are looking for new and creative collaboration between public and private sectors. Such col-

laboration is essential. These people have experienced for too long the results of the sort of dogmatic isolationism which your leader writer so peremptorily underwrites. Yours faithfully,

D. L. MILROY, Chairman, Headmasters' Conference. Ampleforth College, York. February 28.

employment is rising inexorably to a similar figure and possessions have

risen three-fold, the time has surely come to abolish the "16-week rule" which is so psychologically damaging to newly unemployed home-Everyone working in building soci-

eties is striving to avoid possessions and resulting homelessness, whether by mortgage rescue schemes or otherwise. Everyone seeks the return of stable property values with a natural level of new purchasers. But who can risk buying their home while prices are falling and jobs are being lost in thousands each month in many areas of the United Kingdom?

The higher risk of unemployment causing immediate arrears is paralysing many who need to buy. Equality of support to tenants and homebuyers becoming unemployed should be restored in the forthcoming Budget.

I am, yours faithfully, NONA BYRNE, Chairman. Catholic Building Society. 7 Strutton Ground, Westminster, \$W1.

### Ethics of embryo transfer in cows

among other things, a deep-seated, From Mr Alan Long

Sir. Today's dairy cow is run like a A republican constitution will give machine, pregnant nine months of Australians a broader and more the year and lactating, at times from realistic vision of themselves and her reserves, for another nine their place in the world. For us to months; so she is under the concurrent stresses of pregnancy and lactation for six months in the year. She does not last long under the strain, I would bet London to a brick that being culled for burgers after three or Australia will celebrate its first year as a republic in the year 2002. four years of this exploitation.

Now she is threatened with embryo transfer ("Test tubes give better beef". Life & Times, February 25) and the extra burden of twinning her output of calves, thus intensifying the toll taken of her maternal functions by human milksops and beef-eaters. Beef can be produced extensively in single-suckler systems without the rapine behind the milk of human

unkindness. Embryo transfer, like the "performance enhancing" hormone BST, is just another device to manipulate cattle as no more than milk and meat on legs. The corollaries - as in BSE (mad cow disease) — of turning the cow into a carnivore or even a cannibal should have taught us to treat the animals with respect.

Good wishes, ALAN LONG, 14 Woodland Rise, Greenford, Middlesex. February 25.

From Mr Michael L. Teale

Sir, As a profession, veterinary surgeons recognise several welfare problems associated with the technique of embryo transfer and are actively involved in dealing with them. The implanting of embryos in such numbers as to produce twins. triplets or quadruplets is, in our view, totally unacceptable — one wonders whatever next.

As Mr Hornsby's article pointed out, fewer than four cows in 100 produce twins ordinarily - and thank heavens for that. The veterinary profession has recognised for many years that twins are, on the whole, undesirable. For instance, mortality of one or both offspring is higher than in single births and the effect on the dam is much more stressful and frequently produces postnatal problems.

Over many years various scientists have recommended the production of twins in cattle, showing a lamentable lack of understanding of the problems, particularly on the welfare of both dam and offspring.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL L. TEALE (Trustee). British Veterinary Association Animal Welfare Foundation,

7 Mansfield Street, W1.

**Outside Westminster** 

From Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside (Labour) Sir, Robin Oakley, in his Political Notebook of February 27, surveys the Opposition benches for gov-

ernmental experience. His piece, which was concerned only with experience of national government, is significant for what it leaves out.

Ideas, and a lasting contribution to the review policy, warrant no mention. Campaigning and effective communication are disregarded. Experience of effectiveness in the detailed legislative stages of major bills is ignored by him.

Perhaps none of these areas of exclusion from consideration should come as any surprise. After all, few parliamentary journalists take much notice of the committee stage of bills going through to the early hours of the morning or, for that matter, significant contributions on the floor of the House outside set-piece debates. Fewer still are interested in ideas or who produces them.

What is really tragic, however, is the way in which Britain stands alone in the contempt with which it treats experience in running government outside Westminster. Few democratic countries could boast a senior political journalist who would set aside a learning experience such as the taking of difficult decisions in running major cities, counties or Scottish regions.

Yours sincerely, DAVID BLUNKETT, House of Commons.

End of an era

From Mr Andrew Wilski

Sir, The miserly bureaucrass who have decided to dismiss the Rolls-Royce from the British diplomatic service (report, February 25) may not be aware that it was the drabness of communism, including the drab life of the privileged functionaries, which was one of the chief causes of the

Yours sincerely, ANDREW WILSKI. 4 Berkeley Road, Mount Sion. Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

recent anti-communist revolutions.

### Rolling in the aisles? From Dr J. W. McAnuff

Sir, Your report and photograph (February 22) on the ownership of a village pub by a local parish church in Oxfordshire gives a welcome new meaning to the "fied house"; and new hope for reviving the fortunes of Anglicanism.

Yours faithfully. JOHN MCANUFF. West Barn, Hall Place, Seer Green, Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. Berry and Miss O. Alen-Buckley

Mr A.C. Bright and Miss E.M. Kumar

Mr W.J.L. Butchard and Miss R.C. Smith

Şurrey.

The engagement is announced between Jamie, son of Mr and

Mrs Raymond Berry, of Stonor, Oxfordshire, and Oonagh, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ulic Alen-Buckley, of West Byfices,

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr D. Bright and Mrs M. Bright, of Bedford, and Ena, daughter of Mr A. Kumar and Mrs S. Kumar,

and Miss R.C. Smith
The engagement is announced
between Jamie Butchard, of
Camden, South Carolina, only
son of the late Major H.C.
Butchard and the late Mrs
Glenda Ward, and Robin,
younger daughter of Mr W.T.
Samson Smith, of Sarasota,

Florida, and Mrs Judith Smith, of Cooperstown, New York.

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr

and Mrs P.A. Crowe, of Court St

Mr S.P. Crowe and Dr C.M. Millington

Lord Mayor of Westminter

Among those present were:

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Lesile Porter were hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall in honour of the American

Ambassador and Mrs Seitz.

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

Mr P.R. Daws and Miss N. Nishide

Mr W. McGregor and Miss A.F. Pedrette

The engagement is announced

between Peter, second son of Mr

and Mrs Frank Daws, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Naoko, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Takazou Nishide, of Yokohama,

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mrs

Marion Jose and the late Alistair Marion Jose and the sale Australia McGratia, and Anne Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pedrette, of Cheltenham.

Mr E.R. Peett and Miss F.A. Macpherson

of Newburgh, Fife.

Marriage

Dinners

The engagement is announced between Rayner, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. John Peett, of Pangbourne, Berkshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander M. Macpherson, Macpherson,

M G. Boanin
and Miss M. Hynett
The marriage took place on
Saturday in Paris, of M Gérard
Bonnin, third son of M Guy

Bonnin, of Montpelier and of the late Mme Bonnin, to Miss Michele Hynett, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Hynett.

Maiesty's Government at Lan-

caster House last night in bonour of Mr Gordon Bilney. Australian Minister for Defence, Science

Mr Norman Reddaway presided at a discussion dinner held at the Athenaeum last night. Mr Timo-

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Busine

Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the Lord

Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Jef-

frey Sainsbury, the Lord Lieuten-ant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the

Chairman of South Glamorgan

County Council, the Rev R.H.

County Council, the Rev R.H.
Morgan, were present at a dinner
held by the Club at the Royal
Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The
guest speaker was Sir Bob Reid,
Chairman, British Railways
Board, Mr Alan Rosser, Chief
Brecutive of IMC Consulting





### **COURT CIRCULAR**

KENSINGTON PALACE March 2: The Prince of Wales departed from Royal Air Force Kemble this morning for a visit to

Mr Peter Westmacott and 'Mr Richard Arbiter are in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Colonelin-Chief, received Lieutenam Colonel Paul Davis on relincontine ratio Days on team-quishing the appointment of Commanding Officer, First Battalion the Royal Hampshite Regiment, and Lieutenant Colo-nel Michael Recye-Tucker on assuming the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Mr Ernest Bradbury, writer and broadcaster, 73: the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, 58: Mr Peter Calver,

racehorse trainer, 58; Lord John

FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 40: Sir George Gardiner, MP. 57: Mr David Glencross, chief exec-

utive, ITC, 56; Dr Rod Hackney, former president, RIBA, 50; Mr Takashi Ishihara chairman,

Nissan Motor Company, 80; Mr Martin Lovett, former meraber, Amadeus Quartet, 65; Mrs Metlyn Lowther, deputy chief cashier, Bank of England, 38; Mr

Maurice Lynn, former head-master. The Oranny School, 41: Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, Lord Provost and Lord Lieunenant of

Edinburgh, 54; Air Vice-Marsha

Edmourgh, 54; Air Vice-Maishai C.G. Maughan, 69; Lord Mellish, 79; Mr J.F.X. Miller, headmaster, Framlingham Coll-ege, Suffolk, 42; Mr Peter O'Sullevan, racing commentator, 74; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 44; Miss Miranda

Richardson, actress, 34; Mr Ron-ald Searle, artist and cartoonist,

72; Lord Templeman, 72; Miss Fatima Whitbread, athlete, 31.

Sir Walter Derek Gilbey, 3rd Bt. of Wineham. West Sussex, export director of W. & G. Gilbey, left estate valued at £182,275 net.

Mrs Betty Hattersley Pugh, of Hampsthwaite, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £5.088,950 net. She left part of

her estate to the Harrogate Neighbours' Housing Associ-ation, Barnardos, Spastics Soci-ety, Salvation Army, British Heart Foundation, Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Royal

National Lifeboat Institution, Yorkshire Cancer Research Cam-

paign, National Benevolent Fund for the Aged, National Benevolent

Institution, London, and the Children's Society.

Latest wills

Birthdays

today

### **Appointments**

Mr John Edward Previte, QC. to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

afternoon visited West Sussex and was received by Major General Sir Philip Ward (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex).

Her Royal Highness launched

the Adur District Council Home

Recycling Scheme at Shoreham-

Princess Alexandra sub-sequently visited East Sussex and

was received by Her Majesty's

was received by her majesty's
Lord-Lieumenant for East Sussex
(Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).
Her Royal Highness unveiled a
plaque on the Dolphin Fountain,
Brighton Square, and, as Patron,
visited the Royal Alexandra Hos-

pital for Sick Children, Brighton. The Lady Mary Mumford was

Mrs J. V. Hadfield to be Vice-Chairman of the British Horo-logical Institute's National

Mrs Jenny Roberts, chief proba-tion officer of Hereford and Worcester, to be Chair of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation. Miss Assae Mace, chief probation officer of West Yorkshire, to be vice-chair.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will attend the film premiere of Hear My Song at the Odeon, Marble Arch, at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit Alsager College, Cheshire, at 2.20; and will attend the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' conference dinner at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, at 7.25.

Princess Alexandra will attend a reception given by MIND (National Association for Mental Health) at Lambeth Palace at

### Judge retires

Judge Cooke retired from the circuit bench of the South Eastern Circuit on February 29. He was the first solicitor to be appointed to the circuit bench.

Church news

Church in Wales The Rev Cive Hawes, former Chaplain of Christ College, Brecon, is to be Vicar of Llantilio 



Julian Lloyd Webber, the cellist, and his wife, Zohra, with their son David, born last week at the Queen Charlotte Hospital in London, at their Knightsbridge home yesterday. Mr Lloyd Webber is rehearsing for a gala concert at the Festival Hall tomorrow and he says the baby lies quietly for hours while he plays his Stradivarius cello. The concert is in aid of Age Concern

### Archaeology

# Threat to city's history

BY SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL work on Bristol's historic waterfront, an excavation on what might have been a Saxon precurser of Bristol Cathedral and the monitoring of landscaping work over the re-mains of "the flower of English keeps", Bristol Castle, will halt if the city council decides todayto scrap its archaeological team.

The council meets to con-

sider ways of saving E7.2 million to avoid further charge-capping, and one proposal is the abolition of the archaeolgical unit, part of Bristol Museum and Art Gal-

Seven full-time archaeologists will lose their jobs. recording work on past excavations will stop and so will current excavations. Work scheduled for the next 18 months on one of the country's most historic cities will be cancelled, Bob Jones, the team's field officer, said.

ging the sites prior to develop- which was issued last week ment work, the archaeology will be destroyed and lost without being recorded if we aren't here to monitor it," he

This is a complete reversal of a growing trend to find out more about our past. If this decision goes ahead, there will be large parts of Bristol's history which we will never know.

A spokesman for the city council said that by cutting archaeology the city would save £116,000 out of the £1 million needed to be lopped from its leigue exercises bad from its leisure services bud-Jean Mellor, chairman of

the British Archaeological Trust, said: "This would be disastrous. Bristol is an im-portant historical site, but it is not the only one in danger of

and says: "Local authorities are being encouraged by central government to reduce expenditure, privatise their functions and become enablers rather than providers and, even without the uncertain future for the organisation of local govern-ment, many authorities are seeking to divest themselves of some expensive activities. Archaeology is not a statutory

function and must not become a casualty." Last year Bristol City Council had to go through the same cost-cutting process, but then the Bristol Old Vic, the oldest working theatre in the country, was the victim with a cut of £75,000. The artistic director resigned over the grant reduction, and the theatre was only saved from

heavyweight boxing champion 1899-1903, Burbank, California, 1953; Danny Kaye, actor, 1987. Luncheon HM Government

Dr M.K. McIntosh, Chief of Defence Procurement, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majbecause of funding cuts."

She referred to the trust's Council. This time the theatre manifesto on archaeolgical is expected to receive a funding and legislation of the council to the trust's council to the trust's council to the theatre is expected to receive a funding and legislation of the council to t

# Etienne, Brussels, and Clare, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Roy Millington, of Fulwood. Sheffield.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Edmund Waller, poet, Coleshill, Bucks, 1606; Sir Wilcoesnii, Bucks, 1006; Sir Wil-iam Davenant, Poet Laureate 1638-68, Oxford, 1606; Thomas Orway, dramatist, Trotton, Sus-sex, 1652; William Godwin, philosopher, Wisbech, Cam-bridgeshire, 1756; William Macready, actor-manager, London, 1793; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Edin-burgh, 1847; Alain, pseudonym of Emile-Auguste Chartier, philosopher, Mortagne, France, 1868; Sir Henry Wood, conductor, co-founder of the Proms, London, 1869; Edward Thomas,

Among those present were:

The Right Rev John Rhiverg, Lord and Lady Armstrong of theminster, Sir Geoffley Howe, QC, MP, and Lady Howe, Howe, Gr. Howe, Gr. Howe, Gr. Howe, Gr. Howe, Sir Bernard and Lady Lawy, Sir Cyrill and Lady Taylor, Mr Peter Bottot, Mr and Lady Taylor, Mr Peter Bottot, Mr and Lady Taylor, Mr Peter Bottot, Mr and Mrs Gyles Exandrath, Councillor Simon Brocklebank-Fowler, Professor and Mrs Andrew Literana, Mr Peter Williams, Camon Thaddeor Birchard, Mr Methew Cartisser, Vice-Admbral and Mrs Ew Cleston, Dr and Mrs Williams, Ew Cleston, Dr and Mrs Williams, Greenham, Mr and Mrs Stephen Haydian, Councillor and Mrs Stephen Haydian, Councillor and Mrs Stephen, Mr and Mrs John Poter, Councillor Alex Segal, Miss Trisha Stewart-Hodges, Mr and Mrs Schot Poter, Councillor Alex Segal, Miss Trisha Stewart-Hodges, Mr and Mrs Robert Tomins, Ms Jennifer Williams, Dr Matteo Adinoid.

Mrs Carole Stone and Councillor and poet, London, 1878. DEATHS: Robert Hooke, physicist, London, 1703; Robert Adam, architect and designer. London, 1792: Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater, en-gineer and canal builder, London, 1803; Copley Fielding, HM Government Mr Kenneth Carlisle, Parlandscape painter, Worthing 1855; James Jeffries, work

liamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, was host at a dinner given by Her

Following the death of the Earl of Southesk, KCVO, the Countess of

Southesk wishes to be known in future as Evelyn Countess of

LEGAL NOTICES

The Earl of

Southesk

### Royal Caledonian Ball

Group, presided.

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Thursday, May 7, at Grosvenor House. Park Lane, London, W1. Tickets, at £48.00 each, include wine. whisky, ring and a good breakfast and are available from The Secretary, The Old Manse, High Street.

# But the nation that will not lis-ten, I shall uproot and destroy. This is the Word of the Lord. Jeremiah 12: 17 (REB)

**BIRTHS** BOLDING - On February 29th 1992. to Lynda unée O'Shea) and delighted Dad Kelth, a beautiful daughter, Philippa Louise.

Louise.

CARR - On February 23rd. to
Jane and Robin. a son.
Thomas Henry Grainger, a
brother to Emily.

CHARLES - On February
16th. to Frances (see
Cameron-Mowat) and
Martyn. a son. Christopher
Martyn. a brother for
William and Genevieve.

CLARK - On Leap Year's Day at Taunton, to Rebecca (nee Pow) and Charles, a daugh-ier, Verity Faye Champeney. GOOK - On February 21st, to Annabella (née Gabb) and Malcoim. A son. Piers Edmund. a brother for Imogen

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CUBHS - On February 29th. at
Queen Charlotte's Hospital
to Sally (née Adsheed) and
Nigel, a daughter. Miranda
Mary, a sister for Adam. Mary, a sincer for Abam.

CUTHBERTSON - On March

191, at St John's Hospital.

Cheimsford, to Alison inde

Vale; and Alistair, a son,

Oliver Alexander

FAIRE - On February 28th, to Ginny thee Bullard) and Henry, a son, Oliver, a brother for James. FIELDING - On February 26th to Lizzy (see Pelly) and Tony, a daughter, Molly Alexandra.

GRAHAM - On February 22nd, to Katherine (nee Hales) and Alastair. a daughter, Beatrice Louise, a sister for Lettita and Angus. sister for Leuts and Angus. GREEN - On March 1st, at Westwood Hospital, Be-riley, to Helen Inde Murphy) and Alex, a son, Alastair William Selby.

KERR - On February 27th. to Alice (née Cibbe) and James, a daughter, Hearletta Cecily. LEVER-HOGG - On February

LOFFLER - On February 24th 1992 to Stephen and Allson, a daughter, Otivia Catherine Alice, a sister for Roderick. PEDDLE - On February 27th. to Nicola (nee Olsen) and Alam. a daughter. Felicity Rose, a sister for Serena. PHILLIPS - On February 29th

laughter. Alexandra Emily. I sister for Charles Michael MILTIRE.

POTTER - On February 28th.

at Ronkswood Hospital.

Worcester. to Ian and
Cotteen (mee Rudkin). a
daughter. Ellis May.

RILEY-SMITH - On February 28th, at the rosse masket.

Cambridge, to Louist thee
Mair) and Tristram, a son.
Piers Crosby Peregrine, a
brother to Oliver & Benedict. SCHRODER - On March 1st. to Ellen (née Laskey) and Timothy. 2 son. Benjamin Edward Bruno, a brother for Charlette.

SMYLY - On March 2nd. to

STECKELMACHER - On February 24th at the Humaina Hospital Weltington to Peter and Suzeite, a son. Gregory James.

WAREHAM - On February 29th. at Queen Cherlotte's Hospital. to Helean (née Ratcliffe) and Philip. a daughter. Victoria Rosamund, a sister for Nicholas and Edmund.

WARNER - On February 26th in Pau, France, to Kirsty (nie Conway) and Tom. a son. William Simon Geoffrey. DEATHS ASHLEY WALLER - see

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BENEON - On February 29th. peacefully at The John Radchife Hospital, Barbars. widow of Carnett and a much loved mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Family Rowers only please but donations. If wished, to Berishire, Bucklopharashire and Oxfordshire Naturalist Trust (BBONT, 3 Church Street, Cowley Road, Oxford.

BLYDENSTEIN - On March ist 1992, Willem John Harry, aged 87. in Lausanne, Switzerland Switzerland.

SOWMAN - On February
22nd 1992, suddenly and
tragically, Michael, Sadly
missed by Fran, Claire,
David and family. In
memory of Michael the
family wish to support the
Nec-Natal Unit at the
Whittington Hospital,
Highgate N19 SNF. Donations may be sent directly to
the hospital or to the Mile
Bowman Memorial Account,
c/o Philip Francis al Links
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Worldwige, 84 Ecclesion Square, London SWIV 1PX, Square, London SWIV IPX, BROWN-GREAVES - On March 1st, peacefully in hospital. Peter (B.C.). aged 81 years, much loved husband of Lemis, beloved father of Peter, Ciliam, Peta and Marie, a dearly loved grandad and loving brother of Marie Croften-Diggins, Funeral Service at Frinton Cattolic Church on Friday March 6th at 12.45 pm followed by cremation, Flowers or donations if desired to C.A.F.O.D. may be sent to P.G. Oxigo Lid. 47 High Street, Wallon-on-the Naze, Essex.

Naze, Essex.

BUDGETT - On February
29th, Hazel Reaveley, aged
98, wife of the late Hugh,
mother of Alan and Arthur.
Funeral privale. No flowers
or letters by hor request.

BUCKINGHAM - On February 28th, peacefully in hospital Edward (Buck), in his 80th year, beloved husband of Mavis, igiber of Edward and Robert, her-Edward and Robert, father-in-law of Maggie and Jane and grandpa to Alexander and Luke. CAPLIN - On February 28th, Robert, At peace at last. We will love him forever, From all his family and friends. COSSEY. On Eabruary 25th

COSSEY - On February 26th, pescerulty after a long illness, in St Mary's Hospital. Praed Street, London W2. Roger John Cossey, Milliner of Arundel Gardens, London W11. beloved husband of Barbara and very special friend to Claire, John. Carolyn. Adelle, Rupert. Mac, Shelia and many others. Private tuneral service at the West London Crematorium at 12 noom Thursday March Sth. Flowers If desired to J.H. Kenyon, 81/83 Westbourne Grove, London W2. de SIMSEN - On February 27th 1992, pencerally, aged COSSEY - On February 26th de BURSEN - On February
27th 1992, peacefully, aged
82 years, Ronald Lothar,
devoted husband of the late
Peoply and father of
Maryaret, Emima and Helen,
loved grandfather and
friend, Funeral Service at St.
Thomas's Church, Upsalve,
on Wednesday March 18th
at 3 pm. Family flowers
only, donations if desired to
St. Thomas's Church
Restoration Appeal.
FAIRFIELD - On March 2nd.

(S.BONT), 3 Church Street.
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Street. Sheffield S4 71.5.

FOX - On February 29th
1992. peacefully after a
short litness. Anking (Tomy)
Douglas Fox. beloved
husband. father and son.
Funeral Service at the
Church of St Peter and St
Paul. Uppingham, Rutland.
on Thursday March 5th
1992 at 2 pm. Donations to
Cancer Research Campaign.

Cancer Research Campai 140 Tachbrook Str London SWIV 2NE. London SW1V 2NE.

GAGE - On March 1st, peaceruity. Criselds Margaret.
aged 87, younger daughter of
the late Rear Admiral Sir
Godfrey and Lady Paine.
Funeral Service at 10.30 am
on March 6th at St Merry's
Church. Hayling Island.
followed by a private cremation. No flowers by request.
any donations to king
George's Fund for Sellors.

DEATHS On FREEMAN - On Saturday ity in d. in Cambridge. pencefully, loved ar of their covered by family suddiffereds. James Freeman M.C. formerty of the Chainman of the industrial Chainman of the industrial Thumais, Funeral Service at St. Mary the less, Cambridge. 15 Mary the less, Cambridge of Arthur Rank House, 381. Mill Road, Cambridge, would be welcome.

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be welcome.
FYLDES - On February 27th.
Binst de Poelinitz. aged 96.
widow of LL Col. G.B. Fyldes
M.C. and formerly of Brig.
H.P. Radley C.L.E.. M.C.
very dear nother of
Delphine Olphert, grandmother of Tessa and John
and great-grandmother.
Private cremation. Service at
St. Marry's. Sheet, on March
17th at 12 noon and lunch at
Calley House. No Rowers.
donations if desired to Star &
Garter Home c/o Funeral
Services (Petersfield) Ltd.
GOLDNEY - On February
27th. Kathleen Marry
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27th. Molley M.B.E., peacefully,
and 97. Widow of the lale
Allred Peel Coldney. Funeral
at Colders Creen
Cramalorium (West Chapel)
at 3 pm on Wednesday
March 11th. Family Bowers
only, donations to Amnesty
International. Debalis from
Ashton Funeral Services.
369 Clapham Road, Sw9.
HEBBES - On February 25th
1992. John aged 19 years.
student of Criel College
Oxford and formerly of St.
Paul's School and Roban and
brother of Luke. He will be
deeply missed. Funeral
Service at St Paul's School
Chapel, Lonsdale Road.
Barnes, on Thursday March
5th at 2.30 pm followed by
private cremalion, Putney
Vale. Flowers and enquiries
to Fredk. W. Patne, 192 High
Street. New Maiden, Sarrey.
Phone (061) 942 1978
HEBBESRSON - On February
16th. In Italy, Richard (Dick).

Family flowers only please.
FISHER - On February 27th 1992. Canon John Howard Warren. Beloved husband of Biddy, and dearly loved by his daughters Anne and Jame and by Mytyl and all their families. Private cremation. A Service of Thankogiving will be held at Rockhampton Parish Crurch. Cloucesterstries, on Friday March 6th at 2 pm. No flowers by request. donations in lieu may be sent for The Friends of Gloucester Cathedral c/o Geocombe Funeral Services. 64B Silver Sprot. Dursley. Goo. HENDERSON - On February 16th. In Raly, Richard (Dick). husband of Mariarosa, Jaihar

husband of Mariarosa, lether of Care, brother of David and Jul.

LANE - On Friday February 28th, peacefully in her sleep. Kathleen Patricia, beloved mother of Petrick and Aagela. Requiem Mass 11am Thursday March 5th at The Church of the Hoby Redeemer, Cheyne Walk. Chelsea, followed by cremation at Pulmey Vale. Flowers to the Church or W. Bucide & Son. 246 Fulham Road LITIMAN - On February Street, Dursiey, Caos.

FLEMING - On February 28th.

at Weston Park Hospital.

Sheffield, Dr. James Samuel
Fleming M.D., F.R.C.P., aged
60 years. Consultant
Cardiologist at Northern
Ceneral Hospital. Sheffield.
Beloved husband of Bobble
and father of Richard and
Beth. Service at St John's
Caurch. Remmoor, Sheffield.
Friday March 6th at 1.30pm.
followed by Cremation. Cut
Illowers may be sent to John
Heath and Soms. 14 Earsteam
Street. Sheffield S4 71.5.

FOX - On February 29th to use Church or W. Buckle & Son. 246 Fulharn Road
LTTMAN - On February
18th, spad 92. in hospital
after a short litness.
Frederick Harold, husband
of Betty, father of Ray.
Jenny. John and Julian.
Loved and missed by his
wife. Children, grandchildren.
and greel-grandchildren.
and greel-grandchildren.
Donations, if desired, to the
Musicians Benevolent Fund.
MELLER - On February 29th,
pascrivity. Disens. aged 19.
daughter of Andrew and
Katharite and silver of Sarah
and Nick. Greatly loved and
an inspiration to us all.
Funeral St. Thomas of
Canterbury. East Candon.
Thursday March Sth. al
11.46 am. No flowers but
donations if desired to Lord
Mayor Treioer College.
Allon, Hants. CEITA AFAI

DEATHS MILLER - On February 220 1992. Anthony Gerforth (Toay) D.F.C. Order of Lepin aged 79 years, efter a long liness courageously endured. Joan's dear husband. father of Mary endured. Joan's dear husband, father of Mary Jane, Joanna, Richard and Mark and Chire and Anna's Grandus. Brivate Mark and came and Admis of Crandpa. Private cremation at Worthing. Donations if desired for the R.A.F. Benevotent Fund c/o Dilistone Fundral Service, 191 South Farm Road. Worthing, Sussex.

Worthing, Sussex.

NEWTON - On February 27th
1992, pencefully at home, on
the eve of her 96th birthday.
Erica, widow of Thomas
Hothain Newton, mother of
John and Susan and devoted
grandmother of James.
Nicholas and Thomas.
Private cremation. Service of
Thanksgiving to be held at
2.30 pm on Friday March,
6th at Cheisen Old Church,
Donations if wished to
Steiler, 88 Old Street, ECIV
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O'SHEA - On February 24th
1992, peacefully at Queen
Marry's Hospital Rochampton
Michael, aged 86, Much
loved husband of Gwyneth,
father of Kevin, Patrick and
Eithne and grandfather of
Perdila, Jensica, Megan,
Emity and Madeleine,
Cremation at Mortiske
Crematorium on Thuruday
March 6th at 11 am, Farsily
flowers only but domations if
desired to the Royal Star and
Garter Home, Richtmond.

Baliff - On Monday March
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Garter Home, Richmond.

PAINE - On Monday March
2nd. peacefully. George
(Toby). aged 73. beloved
husband of Hitary and dearly
loved steplather of Graham.
Stephen, Cynthia and the late
Adrian. Family Service on
Monday March 9th at
2.30pm at Klingsdown
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DEUTEROGAMIST (b) One who marries for a second time, or upholds second marriages, from the Greek destero-second + games marriage: "He had published for me against the deuterogamists of the age."

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# **RUTH PITTER**

Ruth Pitter, CBE, English poet and craftswoman, died at Long Crendon, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on February 29 aged 94. She was born in liford, Essex, on November 7, 1897.

RUTH Pitter, who was created CBE in 1979 for her single-minded devotion to poetry, was not the subject of much critical exegesis, with the exception, perhaps, of Ruth Pitter: Homage to a Poet, which appeared in 1969. And even in this collection of appreciations, which was edited by Arthur Russell and introduced by Lord David Cecil, the accent is on homage rather than assessment, in a a manner which does not carry analysis of Pitter's achievements much further forward.

In spite of this relative neglect Ruth Pitter came to enjoy perhaps the highest reputation of any living English woman poet of her century. Her admirers, some of whom wrote prefaces to her many collections, included A. R. Orage, James Ste-phens, Hilaire Belloc, George Orwell, Roy Fuller, Lord David Cecil and John Masefield ("her judgments are merciful and her methods

merry").

Few who took the trouble to read her came away unimpressed by her Traherne-like dedication to Christianity or by her refusal to write except in her own voice. Her poetry behaves as if all the literary movements of the past century, from Georgianism to Concrete Poetry, had simply never happened; yet it is substantial. In this, as in her wholly genuine modesty and disregard for fame, she was unique among her contemporaries. She was concerned

only with verse. Ruth Pitter was the eldest of three children of teacher parents whom she described as "of superior artisan class, intelligent, idealistic, countrylovers, poetic, altruistic." She was educated at Downshall Elementary School and then at the Coburn School for Girls in Bow. After a spell as a clerk at the War Office between 1916 and 1918 she became a painter - and an expert one - for the



Walberswick Peasant Pottery Company, in Suffolk. In 1930 she and a friend and fellow-worker, the painter Kathleen M. O'Hara - with whom she shared a house - were, in her own words, "offered a ghost of a

similar business in Chelsea". This was the firm of Deane and Forester. "After a bad time," she recollected, "we made it a go." Producing "high-grade handpainted goods such as tea-trays etc." she and her partner each worked for 60 hours a week, while struggling to offer their 12 employees optimum conditions. In 1939 both gave up the business and took war jobs in offices; Pitter put in evening shift work at a shilling an hour ("lousy dump, but lovely people", she recol-lected) in a machine shop. After the war she carried on the business alone, from the living-room of the house she shared with Kathleen O'Hara. In 1952 they moved to the

village of Long Crendon.

editor, A. R. Orage, when she was only 12. She later paid tribute to him, and to Belloc, for their early help to her. In 1920 her First Poems was published. "From the very first," she later wrote, " I realised there was no money in poerry, and determined not to write for money."

Recognition came to her quite early, with A Mad Lady's Garland (1935), and then with A Trophy of Arms: Poems 1926-1935. Pitter on Cats (1947) was a much enjoyed collection of lighter poems. Poems 1926-1966 (1968) appeared as Collected Poems in America in 1969, and in 1990 Enitharmon Press published her Collected Poems which incorporated the contents of two further volumes, one, End of Drought, from as late as 1975, when she was in her late seventies. When Cecil Day Lewis died in 1972 her name was mentioned in connexion with the poet laureateship, testimony to the quality of her poetry, but it is doubtful whether her essentially shy gifts would have been appropriate to the post.

Ruth Pitter was both a profoundly observant nature poet — she found most of her recreative pleasure in gardening — and a mystical reli-gious poet, but primarily the latter. She believed that every aspect of a Christian's life could be offered to God and that his creation could be seen in plants and tiny creatures. Yet she did not come to Christianity until the end of the war: reduced to despair by her machine-shop activities, she listened to C. S. Lewis on the radio, and became converted. Later she came to know Lewis well. "My readers often think," she said, because my verses are aspiring, that I am spiritually regenerate. No, I am as troubled a child of Adam as any .... criticism always welcome, more so than praise." Her concern was never with world affairs but always with the day to day events around her. Similarly she had no truck with literary cabals, preferring always to be her own woman.

Although her own life seemed

Ruth Pitter's poems were first uneventful, she was in fact one of the printed by that shining genius of an most spiritually active poets of her age. There are long passages, in her formidably large output, of weak or half-factitious verse; but at her best she is powerful and troubled, disturbed and disturbing - and often tragic, as in these famous lines from "It Bloweth Where It Listeth":

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My ghost goes about while I stay here,

Like any wandering moth it flits abroad in air; Seeking the unsought, and

loving what is lone, The cloudy-minded poor, and the weed by the cold stone: The frail bird that summons life to fill the ragged nest. And the woman who has no

words to ease her burdened breast. No wonder James Stephens, in 1935, saw her as the best living poet after Yeats. The intensity of her insight into nature had a quality only seen in the poems and notebooks of Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Ruth Pitter had suffered an injury to her eye, from hot enamel, and late in her life became totally blind. She endured this in the same spirit, and with the same fortitude, as she had lived her life, which had been a difficult one. Indeed, although she would have disdained the title, she had been a true feminist from the

first. She received the Hawthornden Prize in 1937, and the Heinemann Award in 1954. In the following year she was the first woman to receive the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry. In 1974 the Royal Society of Literature awarded her its highest honour in creating her a Companion of Literature; her fellow recipients in that year were Arthur Koestler and Lord Clark.

Ruth Pitter wrote little prose (a few articles), but was a successful, if occasional, lecturer who appeared in the Brains Trust on television. Her last radio interview, given on the occasion of her 90th birthday,

pany board from 1960 until his retirement. He was direct-

ly involved in the develop-

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## ALAN TILLOTSON

Alan Tillotson, former Deputy Lieutenant for the county of Lancashire, died on February 22 aged 72 at Pool House, his home in Wormington, Worcestershire. He was born on May 10, 1919.

ALAN Tillotson's colourful career was divided between the extreme formality of public life, in which, as Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire, he received members of the royal family on official visits, and the informality of post-war London, where he remained one of the most popular hosts for almost half a century.

A cousin of the third Vis-

count Leverhulme, Alan Lever Tillotson was the third son of wealthy parents, Fred Lever Tillotson and his wife, Dorothy Entwisle. The family company. Tillotson & Sons were publishers of the Bolton Evening News and Alan Tillotson was to remain a director of the company until September 1971, when it was taken over by the American publishers. St Regis International.

Educated at Charterhouse and at Oriel College, Oxford, he served in the second world war as a captain in the Royal Army Service Corps, after which his urbane charm and wit swiftly established him as one of the most popular figures in post-war theatrical society. Noël Coward was a close friend, and the great French revue star, Alice Delysia, liked to refer to Tillotson as "my adorable adopt-

ed son, Alan". An enthusiastic shot all his life, he had grouse and pheasant shoots on his estates in Lancashire and Gloucester-

shire. A benevolent man ai-

ways, he was so impressed by the shooting skills of one poacher he apprehended. that, instead of prosecuting him, he promptly gave him a job as gamekeeper.

The Queen appointed him Deputy Lieutenant for Lancashire in 1956, and he subsequently became a close friend of several members of the royal family. He worked closely on the Queen's silver jubilee appeal in 1977 and later on the Prince's Trust. Prince Charles, in acknowledgement of Tillotson's formidable fund-raising and organisational abilities. recently rewarded him with a personally inscribed copy of his album of watercolours. Tillotson was also a longtime benefactor of Lancashire Boys Clubs, of various hospi-

tals and many charities. To the discovery, in November, that he was suffering from terminal cancer, he responded in characteristic fashion by embarking on a highly extravagant final holiday in Morocco.

He never married.



### **APPRECIATIONS**

### Kate ter Horst

YOU have paid generous tribute (February 25) to my aunt, Kate ter Horst, for her part in the battle of Arnhem in 1944. The extraordinary events in the old parsonage at Oosterbeek were recorded in her little book, Cloud over Arnhem, which has long been

out of print. I was particularly interest-

Pegasus statue in today's letters (February 28), as I am hoping to arrange republication of the book, and would be very glad for any other personal recollections your readers may have.

It is a curious fact, quite in keeping with the events in 1944, that, having been struck by a car, Kate ter Horst died in the very spot in her garden where Allied casual-ties had been heaviest.

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# LIVES REMEMBERED

A COLLECTION of 180 obituaries from the 900 or so published on this page during 1991 has been produced in book form, edited by David Heaton and John Higgins, under the title Lives Remembered.

The bishops, judges and peers who traditionally occupied the obituary columns now mingle with nessmen. The infamous may occasionally rub shoulders with the famous — all walks and conditions of life are represented.

Lives Remembered, fully illustrated and with a foreword by Lord Annan, is available at £19.95 from the Blewbery Press, Panghourne (Tel. 0734 843377 Fax 0734 843336).

### March 3 ON THIS DAY

### Scott-Moncrieff began the tremendous task of translating **MANAGE** Marcel Proust. This writer

C.K. Scott-Monarleff, MC (1889-1930), was the translator of A la Recherche du Temps Perdu (Remembrance of Things Past)
by Marcel Proust and other works by important European writers. He was for a time private secretary to Lord Northcliffe when Chief Proprietor of The Times.

MR. C. K. SCOTT-**MONCRIEFF** 

Mr. C.K. Scott-Moncrieff, whose death in Rome is an-nounced on another page, will be remembered as among the most brilliant translators in the history of literature. He was content to devote his delicate literary gift and wide range of scholarship to the interpreta-tion of other men's work, especially that of Proust, Stendhal, and Pirandello, and he brought to it both the enthusiasm and the judgment of a true artist

On the outbreak of the War, he obtained a commission in the King's Own Scottish Bor-derers, and received the 1914 star and the M.C. He was severely wounded in the right foot in 1917, and served afterwards on the staff at the War Office and G.H.Q. in France. In July, 1920, he joined the editorial staff of The Times, where he found scope for his accurate scholarship and varied knowledge. Among other interests he was an enthu antiquary and genealogist, and he had already made progress in those Latin, Old English, and Old French studies which were really the foundation of his brilliance as a translator.

It was to secure leisure for his inerary work that he left the service of *The Times* in May, 1923. He had published, in 1919, as "The Song of Roland", a translation of the famous "Chanson", which showed something more than

It was about this time that

Marcel Proust. 1 ms winer, with his originality of thought, his pitiless dissection of the human mind, his immense ambition to construct a series of connected works which might rival Balzac's "Comedic Humaine", had long been known and admired in France, but he did not reach a large public until after the War. He died, at the age of 51, on November 18, 1922. Only a few weeks before had appeared Scott-Moncrieff's first translation, but of "Du Côté de Chez Swann" (the first part of "A la Recherche du Temps Purdu")
under the title of "Swann's
Way", and it was at once
evident that Proust had found his ideal interpreter in English. Here was a version which, in spite of the intricate psychological analysis of the original, faithfully reproduced both its form and its colour. Here was the necessary freedom, but restrained and guided by an almost impeccable literary in-

A year later, Scott-Moncrieff published "An English Tribute" to Proust, a collection of the opinions of 22 writers of very varying distinction, which at least illustrated how far the cult of Proust had extended. In 1924 appeared the second part of "A la Recherche du Temps Perdu" under the title of "Within a Budding Grove"; in 1925 the third part, entitled The Guermantes Way: and last year, the fourth and fifth parts, "Cities of the Plain" and "The Captive". With each vol-ume, Scon-Moncrieff, so far from tiring of his vast enterprise, or showing signs of staleness, seemed to grow in strength and skill.

At the suggestion of Mr. George Moore, Scott-Mon-crieff translated the 13th-century Latin text of "The Letters of Abelard and Heloise", and the book appeared in 1925, printed in a close reproduction of a type used by Aldus Manu-tius, with the Italic "arguments" after a model used some 30 years later by Amonio

LES JONES

Les Jones, MBE, Great Britain athletics team manager, died in Genoa yesterday aged 48. He was born at Portadown on August 8, 1943.

THE death of Les Jones has left British athletics without the services of one of its most valued and popular officials. a man whose energy enabled him to hold simultaneously several positions within the sport while working as a fulltime Customs and Excise officer. Among his senior posts, Jones was the vice-chairman of the British Athletic Federation, chairman of the Northern Ireland Amateur Athletic Federation, a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation cross-country and road running committee and the Great Britain men's team manager since 1989. He was due to stand down from managing the team after the Olympic Games in Barcelona and the World

Cup in Havana this summer. His position as team manager took him round the world; indeed he died of a suspected heart attack in Genoa as the British team was about to leave for home after the three-day European indoor championships. Jones was a man who did not so much dwell on achievement as look forward to the next one. At the close of the meet-

Florence Tim-Oi Li, who

nese lines to meet Bishop R.

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Florence Li had been or-

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years as a lay worker. She had

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ing in Genoa he spoke enthusiastically about coming talks with the Birmingham indoor arena authorities aimed at bringing the world indoor championships to Britain for the first time.

But it was at home in Belfast where his work was most appreciated. He helped with the Mary Peters project to have an athletics track built there and promoted the successful annual invitation meeting. Using his contacts and persuasion, he brought some of the best-known names in track and field, such as Zola Budd, Steve Ovett, Ed Moses and Linford Christie, to the trouble-torn province. The annual cross-country meeting in Mallusk, which he

promoted, would always have

a profusion of Kenyans, the best cross-country runners in the world. A Northern Ireland

Schools mile champion in the early 1960s and, later, a cross-country international, Jones never lost the training habit. Whether it was going for a run with international athletes or journalists while on team management duty, or putting miles before sandwiches at lunchtimes, he ran most days. He developed a taste for administration in the early 1970s, promoting track and field meetings in Belfast, becoming assistant British team manager in 1985 and working his way up until he was promoted to team manager in 1989. He found himself in charge on the occasion of two of the finest British performances in athletics history. At Gateshead that year, Britain won the European Cup for the first time and, at the European championships in Split in 1990, British ath-

letes won gold medals in a record nine events. At the end of the year he was appointed MBE for his services to the sport. Last year he managed the British team at the world championships in Tokyo.

He is survived by his wife, Lesley, and two children, Simon, aged 17, and Kerri, aged 11.

# STEPHEN LLOYD

Stephen Lloyd, former steel industry executive and Birmingham city councillor and alderman died on February 1 aged 85. He was born on September 5, 1906.

STEPHEN Lloyd was a man ermination. An attack of po-lio in India when he was a young man left him with a severe physical disability for the rest of his life. Lloyd refused to allow this handicap to impede either his subse quent career in the steel and engineering group, Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, or his work in a large number of roles in public life in Birmingham where he served as a city councillor and alderman for a total of 33 years.

Lloyd was at school at Marlborough and subsequently graduated from Lin-coln College, Oxford, in Greats, the deep influence of which remained with him throughout his long life. He might have become a teacher but his first preference was for the Indian Civil Service, which he joined in 1930.

A promising career was brought to an abrupt end only four years latter by his attack of polio but during that brief period, spent in the United Provinces, he developed a love of the Indian sub-conti-



the ICS, Lloyd joined Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds and refully and harmoniously mancompanies and he served as a

mained with that group of companies until his retirement in 1971, with only a break of four wartime years, 1941-45, when he served in the Iron and Steel Control of the Ministry of Supply. After the war, in tandem with his friend and contemporary, Sir Anthony Bowlby, he successaged a number of core GKN nent which delighted him for member of the holding com-

the rest of his days. It was fortunate that his subsequent industrial career enabled him to maintain his contacts in those countries and to contribute significantly to their economies. On being invalided from

committee of the Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra for 34 years and was chairman of that committee for 18 years. He was also the chairman of the Feeney Trustees who, on his initiative, began commissioning orchestral works, mainly from British composers.

All this activity — industri-al, civic and cultural — was carried out in the face of his polio disability which severely impaired his balance and mobility. Every difficulty was regarded not as an obstacle but as a challenge to be overcome, however great the physical effort.

He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.

# FLORENCE TIM-OI LI

was, in 1944, the first woman to be ordained brate. For the first time in the priest in the Anglican Church, died in her sleep Anglican Communion a woman was the celebrant. in Toronto on February 27 Bishop Hall had been conaged 84. She was born in vinced that she was already Hong Kong on May 5, 1907. displaying the charisma of the priest. In ordaining her, on January 25, 1944, he was IN 1944 Florence Li left Masatisfied that he was putting cao, the Portuguese colonial the seal on what God had enclave in China, on a perildone in calling this remarkous journey across the Japa-

priesthood. But when the news of the ordination reached the Western Church there was an uproar. The bishop was reproved by his fellow bishops in China (mostly Westerners) and by the Lambeth Conference in 1948.

rored the pain and harassment felt by many women who have heard God's call to serve the Church as priests. Bishop Hall was pressed to withdraw her priestly licence, which he resisted. But Florence Li, on being told that the bishop would have to resign, herself gave up her licence, although she never gave up

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Florence Li's life then mirher priestly orders. She moved to St Barnabas,

Hepu, where she humbly,

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herself in service as had Florworked as a teacher. In 1938, as a deacon, she worked in All con, ministering to and teens she took the name of spent with refugees. Two

thus a haven for refugees. Priests had initially been able to visit the colony from Hong. Kong to celebrate the Holy Communion once a month but eventually the Japanese tightened their blockade. Florence Li coped with the situation by takinging baptisms, weddings and funerals, acting in every way as the pastor to the parish. In these extraordinary circumstances she was authorised to function as a priest and celebrate the Eucharist for the people. After her ordination to the priesthood she returned to Macao and raised money to build a new church while continuing as pastor. In the post-war years she

suffered much: during the Peking government's land reform campaign her church in Hepu was closed; during post-graduate study in Peking she was attacked for having been ordained by an Englishman; and during the Cultural Revolution she had to work for the state on farms and in factories. She was sent to a school for clergy in Peking for "re-education and self-criticism". During this time there was much personal humiliation and rebuke and turn to Hepu.

practise her Christian faith in. secret. When the churches were

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who met her could not fail to recognise the true marks of ence Nightingale, and the priesthood. Florence Li was the daughter of a doctor and named Tim Oi, "much Saints Church, Kowloon, beloved daughter". In her where much of her time was

years later she moved to Mashe thought of committing cao, which was neutral and suicide but she continued to

allowed to reopen in 1979 she emerged with other pastors to provide for the spiritual needs. of their people. Florence Li was fully recognised by the Church in China and honoured among its senior leaders. In 1981 she left Canton to visit relatives in Canada. She stayed on there in retirement but remained active in the church, exercising

visits to England to encourage the movement for the ordination of women here. Despite earlier hostility to her priesting a great service of thanksgiving was held in Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 40th anniversary of her ordination. Ted Harrison wrote Much Beloved Daughter. "the Chinese Christian who became the first woman Anglican priest". Before the 1988 Lambeth Conference. Dr Runcie commissioned the Anglican Consultative Council to produce a video-film on her life and work. This was released under the title, Re-.

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# Churchmen consider peace talks with IRA

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LEADING Protestant churchmen yesterday defended their recent discussions with the Loyalist paramilitary Ulster Defence Association in a search for peace, and indicated that they may be prepared to open similar contacts with Sinn Fein or the IRA.

We do not get rid of them by pretending they are not there," Dr Jack Weir, a former Presbyterian moderator of the paramilitaries, said. The situation is that we are going downhill, deeper and deeper into a pit. We must crawl out of that pit." Dr Weir's meeting is thought to have been part of a coordinated strategy by Northern Ireland's four main churches to make approaches at a pastoral level to paramilitaries on both sides to try to encourage them to lay down their weapons. His remarks came as the

> **Scaling** fashion heights

government welcomed agree-

ment by Northern Ireland's

Continued from page 1 using a special process developed by Aqua Leathers of Muir of Ord and which can be produced in a greater varicty of colours than cow hide. is also tougher than conventional leather and only needs a light polish to stay smart.

A range of fish skin shoes, which need about four salmon skins per pair, has now been launched by the duo whose firm, Lawler Duffy Shoes, is based at workshops in Islington, north London. Miss Duffy, whose fish skin

shoes have recently been supplied to Joe Casey Hayford, the noted British fashion designer, said the tanning company which supplied them with salmon skins was now testing the feasibility of perch. She said they would be interested in working with other fish skins including cod

and tuna. "You can get quite big cod tuna would also be good as it is quite a huge fish," said

Miss Duffy.

four constitutional party leaders to reopen talks on the province's future and urged that they should begin as: soon as possible.

At a press conference in Belfast, Dr Weir backed talks with paramilitaries in the wake of his own encounter with UDA leaders last month. He said he did not know whether the government should talk to Sinn Fein or the IRA, but thought it time more people took risks in the search for progress. "Our risk has been comparatively minor compared with the risk which others need to take."

Dr Weir said he would consider similar contacts with the IRA or Sinn Fein so long as he was convinced Republicans would not try to use talks as a publicity ploy. "I have spoken to them in the past and I would speak to them again," he said. "But I would not be seeking some compromise arrangement. I would seek to present the challenge of what I believe to be our Christian faith. "I will be speaking to consciences because some of these people directly, or indirectly, may have been involved in devilish things but they are not devils. They are flesh and blood. men and women like

Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, said in a statement issued after his meeting with party leaders at Stormont, that he wanted to discuss reconvening his ini-tiative with the Irish government during an Anglo-Irish conference meeting on Friday in the expectation that substantive talks would begin

very soon". Mr Brooke said that written assurances from John Major and Neil Kinnock that any talks begun before the election would continue on the same basis after it, were expected to be delivered soon. Many observers said that this was mere electioneering.

The election timetable means talks will be possible for only four days next week before they are wound up for the duration of the campaign Unionist and nationalists defended the agreement, saying it would minimise any damage caused by campaign ex-cesses to the conciliatory political atmosphere.



Health food: Caroline Waldegrave, chairman of the Guild of Food Writers, with one of the meals she helped to devise for patients at Guy's hospital, South London. The hospital yesterday invited food critics to sample its 89p lunch as it was served to patients in the

wards (Robin Young writes).
After a meal which included fresh leek and potato soup, a choice of hunter's chicken, aubergine parmegiana, and tomato and Cheshire cheese salad, with baked pear or bread and butter pudding for dessert, the unanimous conclusion of the food experts

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previously argued that the

government can win so long

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Senior ranks are divided

about the value of tax cuts if

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By Philip Howard

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was that if one was going to be knocked down by a bus the best place would be near Guy's. The lunch was to launch an illustrated brochare of recipes, funded by the Friends of Guy's Hospital, which will be given to patients when they arrive. Gary McKenna, general manager of catering, said that three questionnaires had been circulated among patients since the menus were introduced four, months ago. "We are well pleased with the feedback," he said. "Waste has been reduced, mutritional standards improved, and the food is not costing us a penny more."

# **Travel** law for pets may be eased

Continued from page 1 were required that all dogs carry a tattoo or implanted microchip that could be matched with a register. He said: "Without some such permanent means of identification, a vaccination system would be open to abuse."

Ray Bradley, the govern-ment's chief representative on the EC committee, said: There is no such thing as no risk. Even quarantine can be circumvented by smuggling. We are saying that the risk from vaccination, under the controls we suggest, would be minor or negligible."

The committee report says that dogs or cats being taken from Britain, which is rabiesfree, to infected EC countries would have to be inoculated with a modern inactivated vaccine and blood-tested 30 days later to confirm the presence of antibodies. The animals could then go abroad without having to be quarantined upon return.

Owners wanting to bring mimals to Britain from a rabies-infected part of the EC would have to vaccinate them and wait six months for a satisfactory antibody test. The animals could then enter without quarantine. If they were revaccinated annually thereafter, they could move freely between Britain and the continent without further

Britain must be put in quarantine. Anyone smuggling a pet in can be fined up to £2,000. The pet may be destroyed. Fifty-nine dogs and 40 cats were detected being

imported illegally in 1990. The World Health Organ-isation defines as rables-free any country that has had no ligenously-generated case for two years. All EC countries except Belgium, France, Germany and Luxembourg

Slump feared as ministers divide over tax cuts clical problem" due to the The first pamphlet from

the Thatcherite Conservative Way Forward group today heritance tax and of the top rate of income tax, with the standard rate of income tax being brought down to 20p by the end of the next parliament.

Leading article, page 13

## Political sketch

# The travesty of MPs' tragedies

services secretary (the usual yawn); questions to the Attorney general (the usual legal mumbo-jumbo) ... No fireworks, you might guess? You would be wrong. By 3.25 there had been four fatal heart attacks at Guy's hospital, a dead baby in Bristol, a suicide in New-port, a freezing pensioner clinging to a hot water bot-tle in Truro, "a million" small savers quaking in fear of a tax-grabbing Lab-our government, and a

"double whammy" down the Mile Rnd Road. Oh yes! It was all happening. Take the double whammy: Tony Banks (Lab. New-ham NW) had seen these words on a Tory poster on the Mile End Road, and wondered if Mr Speaker considered them seemly. Mr Speaker (who had to look up "porkies" a few weeks ago) is the last per-son to ask. "I've no idea what a whammy is," he told Mr Banks, gravely, "even on the Old Kent Road". Nobody had mentioned the Old Kent Road, but let us

To the quaking small savers. Tony Newton, the social services secretary, told David Evennett that more than a million stood to lose under Labour. To Mr Evennett (C, Erith & Crayford), a million was more than enough: 6,994 would have sufficed, being the size of his majority.

Such details are Mr Newton's speciality. "Debt on wind-up provision," he told MPs later, "and limited price-indexation, contingent upon actual liabil-ities" were what concerned him. "We did not drop LPI," he added, roused to anger over "the Barber sit-uation". As Mr Newton spoke, dazed MPs' heads dropped on to chests, and a party of fifty schoolchildren in the Strangers' Gallery

rushed for the exit. That is Newton's secret. Fools call him lacklustre, but in your sketchwriter's view, Antony Harold Newton is the most successful Tory social services secretary ever. Ask yourself when social security policy was last on the front pages? with a tear-gas spray of courtesy, sympathy, facts, and capital letters that stand for something nobody can remember. Critics run coughing from the

Monday looked like a Democrats' Matthew Taylor (Truro) told ministers of an impoverished pensioner cuddling a hot water bottle to keep warm, we hardly worried. Nice Mr Newton would surely rush to Truro and substitute himself for the hot water bottle, murmuring facts and cryptic capital letters about pensions upratings, keeping the pensioner warm and

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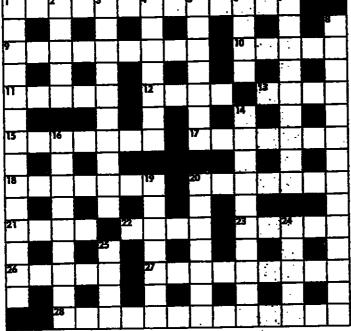
entertained. The suicide came later. I do not make light of real sorrows: but there is something distasteful about the way MPs bring out their dead for the House to inspect, laying undoubted tragedies at ministers' feet as cats do their prey. Without details, it is hard for ministers to respond intelligently: so an impression arises that a political point has been scored. A backbencher told the Attorneyeral that worries over a building society bond scheme had caused a suicide. Sir Patrick Mayhew QC was sorry. The same MP told Mr Speaker that a baby had died in a Bristol hospital, allegedly after a question of payment deayed the operation. Mr Speaker was sorry.

The health secretary was not there. The cameras were, though: TV coverage is live until 4.00 pm — bebencher told Mr Speaker that four heart patients had died (due to lack of funds, he claimed) at Guy's hospital.

All these sadnesses were related by Labour MPs. Curiously, Tories had no tragedies to report. Never fear, though: should Labour win the election, Conservative MPs will be announcing deaths all over the place while Labour members will find more discreet ways of letting their ministers

I prefer Dennis Skinner's irreverance. He observed that, while some doctors (in fraud cases) were able to judge posh defendants too judge posh defendants too ill to continue in the witness box, other doctors (in disability tribunals) were unable to judge that his constituents qualified for state help. Mr Skinner wondered whether the Atthe posh doctors to attend disability tribunals in Bolsover. The attorney said that justice was blind. Skinner stuck his leg out at Sir Patrick. "Pull this."

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- 13 Outstanding stallion (4). 15 Comes to know of agreement by
- 17 Gold in sufficient weight to provide capital (7). 18 Extremely cold, having had no food (7).
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8 Wastrel finds virtue is not rewarded (4,3,7). 14 Wildly flog pirate for being licentious (10). 16 Lace with gin as a cocktail and

pain-killer (9). 19 When one is absent, French legislators become delegates (7). 20 See flyer about an employer in

24 A politicianhas one defence (5).

25 Singer takes part in a musical tonight (4).

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sections of the Tory right have

made plain their distaste for

anything that risks the gov-

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Sir Alan Walters, Margaret

Thatcher's former economic

adviser, said yesterday that

tax cuts paid for by borrow-

ing were a fraud. He wrote in

London's Evening Standard

that the government was en-

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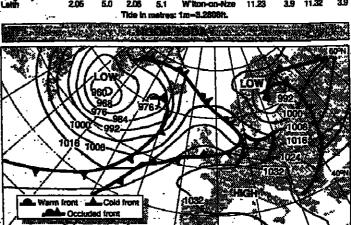
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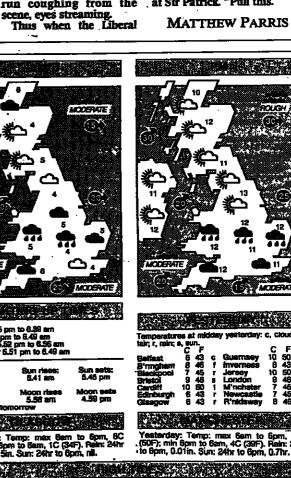
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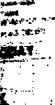
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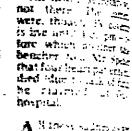












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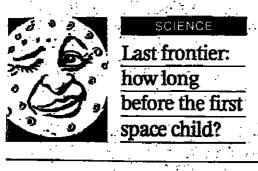
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about in the first place. Take the Soviet Union or whatever it is called (the best - perhaps the only good — thing which could be said about it was that it had a name): there was a time, throughout the 1980s, when I felt that I realistically comprehended the position and the immediate plight of the USSR. As early as 1984, I



# LIFE & TIMES



A barrister calls for a bar to eating dinners

**TUESDAY MARCH 3 1992** 

Shooting down the right track

'Cinema' and 'Britain' are incompatible words, said Truffaut. Not so, argues Geoff Brown: our film-makers must

retain their native flair in the

scramble for a 'Hollywood of Europe' ilm industry personnel perched on the edge of their seats during year's Budget speech.
The industry has put forward a

number of proposals," Norman Lamont droned. "Having studied them carefully." — yes, yes, come on! — "I'm afraid I cannot accept Bodies slumped across the land. The film industry's coffin seemed to have received its final nail. "Stunned and saddened," pronounced Wilf Stevenson, the British Silvenson, the British Silvens ish Film Institute's director; John Woodward, chief executive of the Producers' Alliance for Cinema

and TV, used the word "disaster".

With a new broom at Number

10, the expectations engendered in June 1990 by the industry's parley with Margaret Thatcher had collapsed. Yet on the brink of another Budget, hopes are rising again for government measures to stimulate production. Tax incentives to encourage investment would be particularly welcomed. The govern-ment-sponsored film industry working party is about to report. The British Film Commission, formed last year, is now in business, with a brief to encourage the world's film-makers to use British

facilities and locations, from Yorkshire's stately piles to the forlorn beaches of the Isle of Man. Today the Labour party unveils its own resuscitation plans for the ailing industry. On Thursday, the patient's temperature will be taken

again at a conference sponsored by the BFI and the Confederation of British Industry, under the title: "The Hollywood of Europe?" These days, British cinema's cheerleaders bang the drum and shake the begging bowl so loudly that one is surprised they allowed themselves that question mark. Press any spokesman, and out pours a torrent of explanations for an industry so depleted that it

struggles to compete in the Euro-

pean co-production field, and can

barely muster some 15 cinema

The litany of explanations usually starts with the Eady levy, which channelled a share of exhibitors

profits back into production and

was abolished in 1985. Next

comes the withdrawal of capital

allowances, and the collapse of

Goldcrest, the company behind

Chariots of Fire (bad for morale).

Then, the drum-bangers continue, the American dollar steadily

ever understood the Balkan Question. They were Metternich, Talleyrand and myself. Metternich

and Talleyrand are dead; and I

No, I am not Lord Palmerston

nor was meant to be. I may never pass the port to the like of Metternich and Talleyrand; but I

am getting a boot-boy's inkling of

how Henry John Temple must

have felt. Nearly every point of

certainty upon which the global

perspectives of my adult life took

shape has slipped out of kilter in

the last few years or seems to have

slipped my mind, leaving me

wondering what I was so sure

have forgot"?

boyance that goes beyond a two-minute commercial's razzle-Through co-production deals and pre-sales with the United States majors, we can try to aim films at the American market - main-

weakened as the 1980s advanced. keeping many American filmmakers out of our studios. After iceberg of public indifference. that, television funding shrank as the ITV companies froze. Throughout, of course, nothing

board, champion of fashionable

sapped the spirits of directors. Who wants to work in British films when every day brings a battle? Realism is now in the wind: a new production agreement, the British film partnership, could cut the cost of low-budget films by as

all, in having marvellous terms of employment if there is no hiring.
The industry's fiscal moans also
obscure crucial questions about
the kind of British cinema we want when the kiss-of-life is duly admin-

istered by government tax changes, Japanese investors, an act of God or a pools win by Richard Attenborough.
"To put it bluntly", said Francois Truffaut, famously, "isn't

between the terms 'cinema' and he judgment is harsh. but must be faced. The gift for fast, visual storytelling is American, not British. Despite glorious achieve-ments by Michael Powell and the recent flights of a Jarman or a Greenaway, our cinema remains insular, wedded to actors and

stream entertainments, heavy with

serial killers, Terminators, or whatever the current public Several moguls in decades past have dreamed of a place in the Hollywood sun. All got burned, most spectacularly Lew Grade in

star into outmoded ventures like Raise The Titanic, only to hit the Although our studio craft workers can certainly meet the Hollywood challenge — the Star Wars, Superman and Indiana Jones

Screen Finance, friendly enabler for off-beat projects, and modest support for the BFI's production

To be fair, there is truth in all of these explanations. But the parade

of complaints and excuses obscures as well as illuminates. No one talks much about the role of the unions, though it is clear that long years of success by the ACTT, the technicians' union, in securing superior pay and conditions, and rigidly keeping to job demarcation rules, have raised production costs to prohibitive levels. The unions' muscle has also

much as 30 per cent. This is at least a start: there is no point, after

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the 1970s, who piled star upon

DAVID PUTTNAM MINISHAROLD PINTER ALAN PARKER VANESSA REDGRAVE ANTHONY HOPKINS sources - we should still not waste creative juices competing. If a British director feels he must make

Hollywood's kind of movie, excep-

tional talents like Ridley Scott and

EXERICHARD ATTENBOROUGH

others across the Atlantic have already opened the door. But the world does not need flavouriess British imitations. Neither does the solution lie insmall-scale films tied to the dimensions of the television screen. Film on Four and its BBC imitators may give new talent a chance and keep the industry ticking, but they present no long-term solution. For all the pleasures of Enchanted April or Truly Madly Deeply, would you want British cinema

ter-p'ayers locking swords? A television-sized cinema might well be financially self-sustaining, but it inhibits growth and encourages potential vices that need no extra prodding: parochial subjectmatter, a literary bias, a fondness for tidied-up topics of social con-

cern, talking heads and emotions fit for a teaspoon. No excitement, please, we're British. This may be a good school for unexceptional directors, who make no fuss and are excellent with actors. Yet it hardly nurtures the Powells, the Roegs and

cinema's flame burning. This road

Jarmans, the iconoclasts and dreamers who are needed to keep practice keeping their heads among the logistics and politics of

For British cinema, the European market brings many opportunities and an equal number of dangers. David Puttnam and Istvan Szabó's Meeting Venus showed one solution to the language babble and cultural confusions that blight so many co-productions: you build the problems into lustre of pale blancmange.

the script. But we can hardly expect a string of films about a squabbling multi-national opera Yet it is undoubtedly within the European arena that the industry's future lies. British producers and directors need much more

will have to see if the experience has borne fruit in Ian Sellar's Prague. Mark Forstater's production of The Touch, and other

forthcoming films. One thing is clear. No matter how the industry is revitalised, the only British cinema worth supporting is one with a strong identity. There is no room any more for the humdrum film, the journeyman thriller or comedy that sits on the screen with the

need fireworks. We need films like Edward II, Close My Eyes, Prospero's Books: films that grab hold of British life and culture and recreate them with an artist's vision and intensity, powerful enough to reach discerning inter-

If this means restricting British

national audiences.

When we go to the cinema, we

video deals, the films could still be viable commodities. Cinema's mass audiences would continue to enjoy the best, or worst, of Hollywood; Britain's television would

still provide popular, homegrown entertainment. Whatever resources the industry can muster, they must not be frittered away on films only good for wasting time. Otherwise, dear old British cinema will steam into

a tunnel and never emerge. INSIDE Parents.

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Modern Times.

### perennially shrunk to claustropho-bic visuals and a few fine characfrom government, apart from roughly £2 million a year to British The third road leads to Europe. They are gradually getting it: we films all used our technical reasn't it Palmerston who A lament for lost certainties rose in parliament to say "Only three men have

was certain that, impoverished in its supplies, its telecommunications, its transport infrastructure and its morale, the USSR was incapable of fighting the conven-

tional land war for which Nato

was prepared.
After the Moscow summit in 1988, which I observed, I was convinced that the union would disintegrate, that the Kremlin, the Politburo, the KGB and the Red Army lacked the material resources, the unified authority and the political will to quell or suppress separatist passions simultaneously rising as far apart as Tallinn and Tabriz. Those few who solicited my prognostications over the next round may remember (some hope!) that, at the time, I favoured an American expression of despair, predicting that the USSR would "go to hell in a hand basket". Going further into the

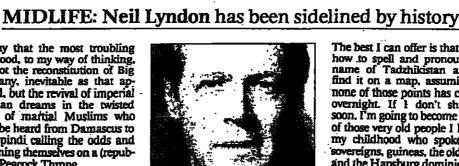
consequences of that collapse, I

did say that the most troubling likelihood, to my way of thinking, was not the reconstitution of Big Germany, inevitable as that appeared, but the revival of imperial Parthian dreams in the twisted heads of martial Muslims who could be heard from Damascus to Rawalpindi calling the odds and

imagining themselves on a (republican) Peacock Throne. Thus far, thus self-satisfied: broadly correct on every point What follows? Search me. All my certainties came true and were concluded on the night of November 9, 1989, when those joyful hordes took their hammers and pickaxes to the crumbling, lowgrade concrete of the Berlin Wall. Since that moment, I have found

myself at a dead-end of compre-

hension. All my points of reference



or of knowledge have been exhausted by change - all the education, the study and the thought of 25 years made perfectly irrelevant, sidelined by history. How many bar-room pundits

are going to be fascinated now by

my disquisition on Suslov's influ-

ence on Gromyko and Brezhnev?

The best I can offer is that I know how to spell and pronounce the name of Tadzhikistan and can find it on a map, assuming that none of those points has changed overnight. If I don't shape up soon. I'm going to become like one of those very old people I knew in my childhood who spoke about sovereigns, guineas, the old Oueen and the Hapsburg dominions as if

they were realities of the post-war A terrible prospect is beginning to dawn on my tired brain — that the political distinction and boundary (assuming that there needs to be one) between Europe and Near Asia will, in the next half-century or more, be defined again - as it was for nearly 1,500 vears - by the division between

Christendom and Islam.

How else are we to decide whether Turkey or Greece, Georgia or Ukraine or West Kazakh are in or out of the European commu-nity of nations? This prospect troubles me not, chiefly because i cannot see how it might function but because I am not prepared to get my head round it. Lord Palmerston forgot everything he ever knew about the Balkans and Byzantium after a lifetime in office: I forgot it all after O-levels. My understanding of Hercegovina begins and ends with the Austrian invasion of the 1870s. I had assumed that was all I should ever need to know. Mr Wagner, my history teacher, let me down badly on this point, a recrimina-

tion he is long past feeling in his Of all the secure global and political certainties I composed in the 1980s, only one survives. In

May 1986 I bet several West Coast

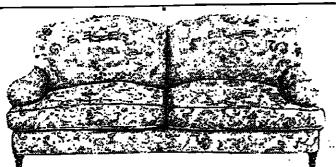
product to art-house venues, then so be it: with careful financing, School music in the melting pot politicos and sharpies that George Bush would be elected president in 1988. When I took their money, I bet them, again, that Dan Quayle would be elected president in 1996. They guffawed. They hoot-ed, rolled around and said, "Give

us the money now, you ignorant Limey: they're going to drop that parasite like a dead worm." The bet, I am glad to say, is still on. If, however, the Republican party and its fixers were to slacken their grip on the electoral machin-ery of the United States, if the Democratic party were to choose a leader worthy of the name and, sinking their infantile differences, were to combine to see him or her elected, I should find myself in a more serious difficulty than simply having to stump up my gambling dues: the world, as I have sup-

posed that I knew it, would have come to a complete end. If it means that Dan Quayle might be defeated. I may be glad to pay even that price.

TOMORROW

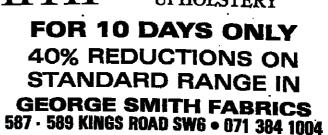
Single Life: Lynne Truss



6' 0" SOEA WAS £2300.....**£1380** 







BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: Royal Saliet's touring company ope its 1992 season at its home base wi Peter Wright's production of Glassie, the story of a gentia peasant girl driven to her grave by the betrayel of her eristocratic lower. On Friday the programma changes to an attractive triple bit of one-act ballets comprising Galina Samaova's production of Les Sylphides, John Cranko's fight-hearted Card Gante based on a germs of poker and danced to music by Stravinsky, a company premiera: David ley's Galenteries

MOMENTS: Money Pendieton brings his MONITY, Moses Pendiatron brings his imaginative blend of acrobatics, illusion and dance to Sedier's Wells in a s new work, enthise Passion, which features Peter Gabriel's accret to The Last Temptation of Christ, used for the first time as a full-scale dance soundtrack. Although noted for his humour, the American choreographer promises a slightly more serious look at the fundamental human emotion of the title. The group is at Sacier's Wells until

Sector's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

BARBICAN BIRTHDAY: Ten years to the day after the Queen opened the Barbican Centre, a birthday gale concert brings together the London Symptony Orchestrs — the centre's with a glitlering array of talent. Ŝir Georg Solti and Michael Tileon Thomas share the conducting, and the soloists are the Irish Beutist James Galway, the American soprano Barbara Hendricks

☐ "ALLO, "ALLO: Gorden Kaye and his team of funny frogs and kneuts up to their terminer artics. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8562). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 130mins. Final week.

M BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Linds in Anouth's play on the relationship between Thomas & Becket and Hen Theatra Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins. Final week.

☐ LA BETE: Bravura performance by Alan Cumming in a strange Molièra parody: eccentric but claver. parody: eccentric but clever. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 4pm. 145mins, ☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An

high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ THE CUTTING: intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between a slent prisoner on a murder rap and a psychiatrist. Fire performances. Bush, Shepherde Bush Green, W12 (061-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mir Final week. DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian

Friel's Other Award-winning memory play, set in Thirties Donagal. Garrick, Churing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Julies

IEZ DEATH AND THE MAJOERS Jul Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Pate superb in Ariel Dorfman's Chileen political drama. Best play of 1991. Dulse of York's, St Martin's Lune, WC2 (071-636 5122), Mon-Sat, Spin, mats Thurs, Spin, Set, 4pm. 120min: AN EVENING WITH GARY

accor nut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat. 8pm and 8.45pm. 130mins. 21 FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Skitles son

**NEW RELEASES** CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan, visually dult Franch tale of children concealing a mother's death from the authorities. With Sylvain Copans; director, Jacquea Fanaten.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE (15): Krzysztof Klestowski's brilliantly filmed conundrum about two girls (one Polish, one French) who seem to share a Rts. With Irens Jacob, Philippe Votter, Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8885). ◆ THE LAST BOY SCOUT (18):

ce Willis as a world-weary detective profied in L.A. corruption. Crowd-using action movie, piled with bullets pleasing action movie, piled with and jokes. With Damon Wayses; director, Tony Scott. Cennons: Fulhern Road (071-370) 2636) Haymartet (071-639 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys

THE MAN IN THE MOON (PG): Panes of young love in rural Louisea Quest, old-fashioned drame: honest Quet, old-fashioned drame: honest deep down, though wet round the edges. With Sam Waterston, Tea Harper, Reese Witherspoon, Emily Warfield; director, Robert Mulligen. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2036) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocaders (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

MEN OF RESPECT (18): Mecbeth man or nestree (10), reaction transferred to the New York underworks a lively enough exercise, but a stiffborn move With John Turturo, Katherine Borgwitz, director, William Relly.

Cannon Oxford Street (071-536 0310). SHADOWS (18) Welcome revival of John Cassavetes's ground-breeking first leature (1959), a tapeatry of New York bottemien life. Plus four other films in a two-week salute to the Sve-wire. ICA (071-930 3647)

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

Barbican, Sik Street, London EC2 HILLIARD ENSEMBLE: This small milliand ENSEMBLE: This small group of sole voices creates a rare, transcendent intimecy in its performances. Tenight it gives world premierse of new works by Polish composer Henryk Görecki and an Arbs Council commission from John Casken. Arvo Part's Miserere was written expressly for the Hillerds and from eight centuries back, Perotinus Magnus completes the programm The concert in Durham begins a Contemporary Music Network tour with dates in Sheffield, Stimlington, St. Albana, Bath and Dartington to follow. The Cathedral, Durham (091-384 37201, 7,30cm.

ertists dazzles and confuses, since the organization description. There is a general feeling of time-sip, but the strongly Expressionist paintings of Peter Disrov, the disturbing totens of Krassinir Arsov and the glowing semi-abstract farm subjects of Ivan Obrettenov would

OPERA 80: The company moves to Exerter this week with its adequate new

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

Bouleverd, Welker's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Set, 8.15pm, Fri lete show, 10.15pm, mat Set, 8pm. 80mins.

**2** GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Sette/fig russical celebrating Fifties and Stitles pop classics. Great stuff. Strend, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Bpm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 135mins.

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III: Ming Minutes of the sea a Migol Hawthome is very fine as a stricton king, but as a whole, Alan Bennett's play close not quite work. National (Lyteation), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, pm, met tomo

MAKING IT BETTER: James Ill MAKING IT BETTER: James Saunders' subtie play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Prague and London; Jane Asher in an exemplary cast of four. Hempsteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301), Mon-Set, 6pm, mst Set, 4pm, 120mins.

☐ PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller: tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Statistical Statistical Legisland NEX Lloyd Webber. Shaftaebury, Shaftaebury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5389), Mon-Fri, 7.30pn Set, 8.30pm, mais Thurs, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 150mins. ☐ PYGMIES IN THE RUINS:

Unconfortable play by Ron Hutchinst baring the amdettes of a Belfast edie haunted by his city's past. Royad Court, Stoene Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins. ☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve

singer-dancers whiri through the musi-of Duke Ellington, Obvious routines cennot diaguise the true rustul Duke. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-

### CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

Pepios's clever but disagresable psychological thriller about feer and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, Jemes Fox, Fanny Ardent. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527).

BARTON FINK (15): The Coan brothers' marvelous macabre comedy shout a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hollywood. Sterring John Turturro, John Goodman. A triple Cannos prizewener. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 4911 Screen on the Hill (071-435

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesus (Lothers Butseu) tries to convert Indians in northern Quebec. antaligent epic from Brian Notice's invel Director, Bruce Beresford. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza. (071-497 9999).

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15): Sam Neil as an againg mother's boy sucked into love, violence and scoadental muzder. Tastly black comedy from new Australian director John Ruans. Cunnon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG):
Daughter's impending wedding drives
Stave Martin crazy. Disappointing
remake of the 1950 classic; for
audiances who want to be spoon-ted.
With Diene Keaton; director, Charles
Shaar

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Shyer Cennons: Cheleas (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-356 0310) Odeons Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0428 914501) West End (0426 915574) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-752 3332).

# staging of Mozart's Don Glovenni,

staging or wozers v. Jon actors v. decigned directed by Staphen Maccell, veeigned by Laz Brotherston and conducted by Nor Botton, Glovenni is elegantly sung by David Ellis, and the supporting earlinctudes Flora Carreron, Julia Melinek, Jonathan Veira and Lise Tyrel. Clare 

RESTIVAL OF EXPRESSIONISM: A functions recreation of the 100th Viennese Vereinkonzert by Royal Northern College of Music Commedia, featuring Serah Fulgoni reciting the Sprechstiname role in Schoenberg's Rigard Leader, the the expressions Pierrot Lunaire. Also in the program is Berg's Third String Quariet. Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (061-273 4504/5634),

ENGLISH SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: Michael Bogdenov directs his company in a new production of Machael, with Michael Pennington playing Machael hopositis Jenny Quayle. The production tours in repertoire with last year's production of Twalth hight. These dates, in Designates and Southernation property Derlington and Southempton, precedured to Korea and Jepen.
Civic Theatre, Pariegate, Derlington (0325 486555), 7.50pm.

THE LIVE ART OF PUPPETRY: A THE LIVE ART UP PUPPETITION five-day less and of pupers popers today with nine individual artists and companies, including Feutly Optic with Davids's Dead Herning, and the shadow puppets of Amorose et Augustic from France. Ring BAC for destis. Batterses Arts Centre. Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 INST.)

CI A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pisnists in Bloable tribute to Cole Forber's wit and wry molodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9867), Mon-Fri, Spm., Sat, 8-30pm, mats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 5-30pm, 140mins. TALKING HEADS: Patricia

Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of Conscip, Penton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Set, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins.

LI ATRIBUTE TO THE BLUES NOTIFIED IN INVESTIGATION INVESTIGA

CI UNCLE VANYA: lan McKellen and A tony Sher outstanding in a Seen Antony Sher outstanding in a Seen Matthias production that is mubile, balanced and tense with grief. National (Cotteeloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-925 2252), Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.30pm, 160mins.

LONG RUNNERS: El Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (U71-838 5972) ... El Blood Brothers: Phoenix (U71-867 1044) ... El Boddy: Victoria Palace (U71-867 171-84 1377) ... El Carmen Jones: Old Vic (U71-928 7616)

El Cata: New London (U71-405 0072)

Don't Dress for Dirmer: Apolio (U71-494 5070) ... El Five Guye Named Mose: Lyric (U71-495 5045)

El Joseph and the Amazing Techniccior Drassnoost: Palladium (U71-495 5037) ... El Me and My Gift: Adelphi 5037) ... El Me and My Gift: Adelphi Toseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamoost: Peliadium (071-484
5037)... I Me and My Gart: Adelphi
(071-836 7811)... III Les Missérables:
Palacia (071-434 (909)... III Misse
Salgon: Theatre Royal, Druy Lane (071
484 5400)... I The Mousetiste
St. Martin's (071-836 1443)... III The
Pharnton of the Opera: Her Majesty's
(071-484 5400)... II Return to the
Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071879 5299)... III Startight Express:
Apolio Victoria (071-828 8855)
I Trunderbirds F.A.B... The Next
Generation: Ambassadors (071-838 Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

### • FRANKE AND JOHNNY (15): ok (AIP vary weitress (Michelle Pfeiffer). Synthetic edsptation of Terrence McNally's play. Director, Garry

 JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kermedy assessingtion. Kevin Costner as cruseding D.A. Jim Garrison; a bustling crussing U.A. am carrison; a customy aupporting cast. Carnonis: Fullhari Rosad (971-370 2836) Shaftasbury Avenus (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Balcer Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New York psychiatriat helps football coach face family secrets. Formantic drama with icless above its station, grandly acted by Nick Note. Barbra Straigand directs and co-stars, but falls to sing. Barbican (071-538 8891) Cemden Parkway (071-287 7034) Cennons: Baker Street (071-635 8772) Chefset (071-352 5095) Notting Hill Coronet (071-352 5095) Odeons: Kensington (0428 914666) Leicester Square (0425 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 5332).

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG): HAISE THE RED LANTEHN (FG): Zhang Yinou's susteru, quietly dazzin drame of a concubine's struggles in Twantise Chim. With Gong L Chelses (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Ranoir (071-837 8402).

 STAR TRIEK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (PG): Ferevell Kirk and Spock, batting galaxy war-mongers in their last scree adventure. Underwhelming, but adequate. With Willem Shatner, Leonard Nimoy; director, Nicholas Maner. Mayer. Carnona: Balser Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2536) Expire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

# Innocent girl lacks conviction

**DANCE** 

Manon Covent Garden

DARCEY BUSSELL is one of the Royal Ballet's most popular dancers and brightest young hopes. Kenneth MacMillan's Manon is one of the hallets that sells most tickets at Covent Garden. Put the two together, add a glamorous new leading man, and spice the mixture with the memory of Bussell's sudden withdrawal from the role when announced for it last season: the recipe ought to be infallible, and for most of the packed house at last Saturday afternoon's debut performance, it obviously

So why were there quite a few faces more thoughtful than enthusiastic in the intervals and on the way out? I can only speak for myself, and I have to confess to a difficulty with this ballet anyway, finding the hotch-potch Massenet score dreary, the choreography full of padding, and many of the situations wildly incredible.

But the right cast can make it work. and - even with memories of Sibley and Makarova — there has never been such an exciting standing as when Sylvie Guillem, Altynai Asylmuratova and Viviana Durante shared the title role last year (all will repeat the part during this run).

Bussell starts with one advantage over all of these: she still has a schoolgirl innocence in her looks, which they have to pretend for the first scene. Her dancing was beautiful, too, especially her smooth, assured pirouettes. And she carefully followed through all the movements and nuances laid down for her acting.



(Adam Cooper, right) from the advances of Monsieur GM (Stephen Wicks)

What I missed was the look in her eve that gives conviction to the gestures. Hers was more like acting by numbers; and I find no sense of understanding, of illumination, nor any voluptuousness to make the duets

In the right role, Bussell is a lovely dancer, but I am not convinced that Manon is the right role for her. Des Grieux, however, is not at all a bad role for Zoltan Solymosi: perhans it is difficult to believe in him as the meek, book-worm seminarist of his first entry, but once he makes a dead set at

Chamberlain returning from Mu-nich, wear feather head-dresses and

speak in Yorkshire accents: a simple

switches from the Oglala warrior Crazy Horse to the Star Chief General

Sheridan, giving the latter the grue-

somely sanctimonious, low-pitched

quavering drawl of Ronald Reagan.

At other times Sheridan and his doltish sidekick General Terry (Bruce

Byron again) wear dark glasses and green combat hats in the manner of

Yorkshire Theatre Company, di-

rected by Toby Swift, wants to remind

us that American military aggression

against other cultures conveniently

characterised as savages or murder

ous gooks did not end with the Indian

wars. But their touch is light. This is

going to spoil their Christmas." says Sheridan about a forthcoming offen-

mad colonels in Apocalypse Now.

Actor and author Andrew Williams

and effective device.

Manon, his impetuosity and ardour come into full force. He gives a swift. hard-edged quality to the movement, rather than the smooth, legato flow that some of the solos were made for. but on his own terms this makes

The third leading role, that of Manon's corrupt brother. Lescaut. also had a new interpreter: Adam Cooper. He. too, dances powerfully (although there is scope for polishing and for pointing his feet better); his acting so far catches the nasty aspects of the character better than the

comedy of his drunk scene, where he was quietly but devastatingly trumped by Nicola Tranah as his mistress.

The caricatured acting of the small roles is presumably what the choreographer wants, since it is allowed to continue and even increase; and what can one expect in a brothel which apparently thrives in spite of its Madame's insistence on giving every client a girl other than the one he asks

JOHN PERCIVAL

# **Comic cuts** that sting

THEATRE

Custer's Last Stand Cockpit, Marylebone

CLEAR narrative, fizzing pace, unremitting energy, comic strip humour, unimpeachably liberal sentiments: the ingredients of the Yorkshire Theatre Company style (with acknowledgements to Hull Truck) produce drama which you would have to be horribly door and po-faced not to find entertaining and sometimes amusing. Among press night critics it was a question of who was going to crack first and emit a strangulated chuckle, growing to a guffaw, at Mark Alex-Jones's pop-cyed war-mad Custer, Andrew Williams's great-toothed, whinnying horse and Bruce Byron's panting, boxer-like dog.

The four-man company, as you have deduced, tackle a cast of 2,224 (2,000 Sioux Indians, 224 United States Cavalry troopers) and assorted animals with no apparent strain. Can The Iliad, Paradise Lost and War and Peace be far behind? Indians, apart from the bowler-hatted nego-tiator Red Cloud who presents a US treaty to his people in the manner of

THERE is a distinguished tradition

of composers, going back through Schoenberg and Wagner, whose

music has purportedly had a deleteri-ous effect on the health of its auditors.

The information that his music

makes at least one auditor physically

nauseous is unlikely, therefore, to stop

Steve Reich in his tracks. Nor will it

deter the ever faithful admirers who

packed the Festival Hall last Thurs-

day night and cheered Steve Reich and Musicians to the echo.

head in the 1960s, there were obvious links with the transcendental medita-

tion and oriental mysticism then in

vogue. The naivety of endlessly re-peated patterns could be seen as a refuge from a harshly competitive.

Why, then, do I feel tense and

distressed when listening to a work

such as Piano Phase, and want to run screaming from the hall when Phillip

Bush and Nurit Tilles enter the 90th

over-regulated, alienating world.

When Minimalism first reared its

sive. "Do the Indians celebrate Christmas?" asks Terry. "No, but they will, they will." Worse than the aggression was the sual treachery Father and his cohorts offered convenient promises which were never intended to be honoured. Thus were whole nations and the 18 million buffalo on which they lived wiped out in a generation. Yorkshire Theatre's brisk, jokey style is no bad way to tell such a story. Sometime, though, I would like to know what George

Custer was really like.

HARRY EYRES

# **Bold and** breezy

FESTIVAL **ENP/Daniel** Free Trade Hall,

Manchester

SCHOENBERG's Gurrelieder may seem a strange work to choose for the gala opening of an Expressionism testival. What we usually call Expressionist music began some ten years later, when Schoenberg turned to atonality; and "symbolist" would be a better word to describe his great early cantata. After all, Waldemar and Tove never sing together, and their love is described in oddly static terms: it is far closer in mood to Debussy's Pélleas, despite its surging colours and its gargantuan forces. But the Manchester International

massive celebration of Germanic culture in the first third of this century, with a focus on Schoenberg and his development. Over the next three weeks, there is an overwhelming flow of plays, concerts, cabarets, films and exhibitions. In that context, Gurrelieder is the best possible start. There is hardly room in the Free Trade Hall for Schoenberg's full orchestra, with its eight flutes, seven

trombones, and so on. This performance used the "reduced" orchestration, about half the size of the original. But what was lost in colours and range was made up in Paul Daniel's marvellously controlled conducting of the English Northern Philharmonia. Here, Daniel is in his element, judging to perfection the subtle changes of movement and the placing of the climaxes, and the players responded stylishly to his lead. By one of those tricks of acoustics,

though, a reduced orchestra is not, in fact, quieter, merely less flexible, so the work's famous problems of vocal balance remain. Neither Rosalind Plowright, nor Paul Frey was easy to hear in the first part, and Plowright seemed distinctly ill at ease. But Anne-Marie Owens gave a superb performance of the Wood-Dove's song, Robert Hayward was a fine peasant, Alan Woodrow was a glorious Klaus the Jester and Frey came into his own in the more transparent music later in the work.

Choirs from Manchester, Leeds nd Sheffield provided the men's chorus, more than a hundred strong. coping heroically with some of the most implausible lines in the entire choral repertoire. Even so, the triumph of the evening came when Hans Hotter, now at the grand age of 83, gathered together all the threads with a consummate and unforget-table narration of the Hunt of the Summer Wind.

**DAVID FALLOWS** 

like a series of one-liners. Pascal Roge scintillated as the soloist, with Charles Dutoit alert on the podium. In Jacques Ibert's orchestral suite Escales, another piece in which wit and sensuousness are held in subtle balance, Dutoit's empathy was nowhere more evident than in the shrug of the shoulders with which he dispatched the final bars: it was a

gesture that said it all. Such suavity stood him in less good stead for Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Too many of the textures emerged as string-dominated, with over-refined, woodwind where rude energy was called for. Originalinstrument performances have shown us just how exhilarating Berlioz's orchestration can be, but there was little sense of that in this immaculate performance until the final Witches Dance, with its Faustian woodwind yelps, blood-curdling brass and hairraising coda.

OPERA & BALLET

# **Contrast in wits**

CONCERTS

Steve Reich and Musicians Philharmonia/Dutoit Festival Hall

loop of mind-numbing reiteration? For one thing, the timbres of Piano Phase and Drumming (five small, crisply beaten drums) are unashamedly rebarbative, but even the more engaging bowed vibraphones and marimbas of Sextet, and the concentrated skill with which all the works were played, could not disguise the void at their heart. Come back,

John Cage, all is forgiven.

This music is the product of a culture that has lost its way: it provides an illusion of continuity and

wholesomeness for a generation experiencing fragmentation. If people wish to spend their evenings on an auditory treadmill, that is their right: it is the culture I am afraid for. Different Trains for string quartet and tape has a programme touching on childhood experience and the Holocaust, justifying the remorseless chugging and piercing train whistles as an evocation of barbarity. For Reich, this signals a possible new musical direction. I fear he may already have run into the buffers. In the face of such tedious overkill,

the razor-sharp wit of Francis Poulenc the previous evening in the Philharmonia's Festival Hall concert seemed, in retrospect, even more appealing. Poulenc is a master of aphorism: in his Piano Concerto every phrase of two, four or some-times five bars crackles with his wit,

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# Anyone who had a chart



As leading record companies seek to control even more of the music business. independent producers fear for their continued existence. David Toop reports

hat is independent music? Surely it isn't Kylie Minogue? Yet she releases her pop singles on a successful independent label. Perhaps, then, it is Nirvana and Manic Street Preachers, the indie-image rock bands which sign to multi-nat-ional corporations? Is it a technounderground of faceless computer boffins, or is it bands such as Primal Scream and The KLF. both of them in the commercial ascendant, difficult to categorise and resolute in their detachment from major companies and

The answer is, of course, that all is confusion at present. There is no clear definition of alternative music. Notthe most auspicious time for the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) to launch a plan to compile and publish a new genrebased chart for alternative music.

When the first Elvis Presley single was released on Sun Records, 38 years ago, this question of independence would have been easier to answer. Independence in the record business was the prerogative of tiny companies whose growth and influence stemmed from hard work, innova-tion and powerful music rather than the financial backing of a corporation. The definition continued to be workable two decades later, during the do-it-yourself or in the early days of rap when small rhythm 'n' blues companies were resuscitated to exploit this

But in the Nineties this picture is

being transformed out of all recognition. In his expose of corruption within the music business, Hit Men. Frederic Dannen wrote that, "for nearly a decade, the notion of the independent label had been largely a myth". Instead, he described the larger, once independent companies such as Island, Virgin, Chrysalis and A&M

as "dependent". Derek Green, managing director of China Records, strongly disputes this view. "I am 100 per cent privately owned, financed out of my back pocket," he says. "If I don't sell records in the next quarter, I go out of business." His feelings are so strong that he recently resigned his seat on the BPI council.

His resignation was a response to the BPI council's plans for the alternative music chart. This would enable major label artists. who fit the mysterious criteria for being alternative to join and perhaps dominate a chart which

has previously excluded them. The suspicion of Green and a number of other record company and distribution directors is that the major labels sensed the growing importance of this alternative sector. Many bands with contracts which link them to the big companies wished to appear in an independent chart for the sake of their credibility. Major labels

would like to put them there. ist sales charts reflect specific music markets such as dance, heavy metal, classical and reggae. These supplement the main singles and album charts, serving as



market research and promotional tools for record companies, an index of likely prospects for overseas companies on the lookout for talent and, arguably, a consumer's guide to average taste. Although music fans may accept the charts as a mildly diverting part of the furniture, for the record business and media they are all about

marketing and money.

So-called indie music is currently represented at the official level by a distributors' chart. Published in Music Week, this reflects the independence of the distributor than s political attitude. Blues veteran. John Lee Hooker might rub shoulders with The Levellers, a band renowned for its passionate commitment to the ethos of artistic



Independent? Primal Scream (top left), Manic Street Preachers (above) and Kylie Minogue (left)

and indeed business independence. The criteria for compiling this chart are, as Green admits, "lousy", yet he objects to the proposed alternative. "In this case. I felt the council wasn't well placed to consider the issue in terms of how this hurts the very small record companies that are privately owned and self-financed. I'm particularly referring to the small company, the young guy today who's starting a record company out of his garage. One of the nice things about the music industry is that sometimes it's an industry of dreams."

Popular music can convert dreams into cash, but it can also turn them into disillusionment. One dream which has remained vivid since the mid-Sixties is the Utopian ideal of an alternative sector in which the methods and aspirations of corporate culture are rejected. But between The Clash signing with CBS records and Manic Street Preachers signing with the Japanese-owned ina great deal of theorising and hand-wringing has done little to alter one of the basic tenets of rock: most musicians will sign a contract with anyone if the signature is likely to advance their cause. Independence is an emotive issue. A spokesman for the BPI, Jeremy Silver, agrees that this is a significant debate. "When people talked about indie music", he says. "they knew what they meant. Without sounding too sarcastic about it, people meant jangly guitar music played by people all dressed in black, singing in a monotone about the apocalypse. We all knew where we were." Now we have Kylie singing "Give Me Just a Little More Time" and The KLF asking "What Time is Love?", both acts more independent in the business sense than indie-style

ecognising that the mainstream music business is in back-slapping mode. The KLF staged a provocative performance at the recent Brits 1992 awards show. Their aggressive tactics, which included band members firing blanks at the audience, were party. Finally, though amusing some, they achieved little more than to drive Sir Georg Solti from stry's greatest problem. The larger his seat. Yet The KLF have raised a hackles, perhaps because as weird the music business is going.

heroes such as Nirvana.

iconoclasts who consistently top the charts they are viewed with a mixture of distaste and jealousy. Will The KLF appear in the

alternative chart? Their music may be restricted to the dance chart. Whoever eventually fea-tures, the new list will be compiled by an organisation called the Chart Information Network. Its chief executive, Adrian Wistreich, is overseeing a committee of re-searchers compiling an experimental six-week test run for the alternative chart. "I'm not a musicologist," he admits, while classifying the sort of music we are discussing as "cutting edge or left-

So how can a multi-national corporation be left-field and alternative? Although he refused to be quoted by name, one managing director of a large company was contemptuous of the BPI's ap-proach. "It's insoluble," he said. "Some of these guys forget where they came from." he added, referring to major record company diconfusion seems to be about where ARTS BRIEF

# **Almost** unison

SOMEBODY had to do it. This Saturday's Festival Hall concert by the Royal Choral Society features composers from all 12 European Community countries - and the ambassadors from most of them are turning up to hear this musical soirée sans frontières. Much searching through publishers' catalogues must have gone on to find representative composers from the Netherlands (the little known Lex van Delden) and Luxemburg (the even less known Pierre Drauth). When it came to Portugal, however, the singers admitted defeat: they will perform the Portuguese national anthem.

### Debate deadline

A PUBLIC debate in London this week will give critics of the American historian Francis Fukuyama a chance to challenge his view that the current world-wide triumph of democracy and the free market is the last thing that will ever happen to political history. "The End of History" debate will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, at 7.30pm on Thursday. The chairman will be Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times. Tickets for the debate cost £10 (£5 for students) and can be purchased at Dillons the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London WC1 (071-580 3243), or by fax on

### Wood work

THE new Henry Wood Room, inaugurated last week at the Royal Academy of Music, certainly offers some new insights into the life of "Old Timber", the conductor who founded the Proms almost a century ago. Some of his (quite impressive) paintings hang on the walls, and an exhibition case contains a selection of rare early records from Wood's bequest to the Academy, recently unearthed and identified. They include unissued test pressings of Wood accompanying his first wife, the soprano Princess Olga Orrousov, in 1908-9, and a later disc of Wood in orchestral rehearsal. Most intriguingly, there is a unique record of Wood singing; he gives splendidly exaggerated, carimann's "The Lotus Flower" and Hatton's "To Anthea".

### Last chance . . .

COVENT Garden's Don Giovanni should probably be seen, and certainly be heard: Bernard Haitink conducts a performance of demonic drive, yet one alive to too, are in thrilling voice. But Johannes Schaaf's staging is chilly in spirit and black in colour. Last performance is at the Royal Opera House tonight (071-240 1066).

terrible feeling of deja vu A began to steal over me about halfway through last night's Horizon on BBC 2. Friends, we have been this way

Peter Ceresole set out to examine the problems of science funding; specifically, whether the £60 million or so a year that Britain contributes to the European Centre for Nuclear Research in Geneva is well-spent Sooner or later in a programme like this a chemist, preferably a crusty old cove, appears to denounce particle physics as a total dead end. Last night this role was played to perfection by Professor Jack Bal-dwin of Oxford University.

He described the search for the ultimate secrets of matter as "metaphysical experiments" enjoyed by a few hundred physicists at a cost that denied thousands of chemists, biologists and life scientists adequate support. American and European plans to build even bigger accelerators he characterised as "virtually hunatic proposals". I could have done with a lot

more of Professor Baldwin. On the other side Horizon cast Dr John Hassard of Imperial College, who made the case for searching for a theory of matter more simple, profound, and dare I say, more beautiful than the Standard Model". In times to TELEVISION

# **Money is** not the answer

come, Dr Hassard rhapsodised, the Aleph detector (a part of the Geneva experiments) would be remembered as part of our cultural history. Well, maybe.

The underlying thesis was that of Save British Science. If only there was enough money to keep

there was enough money to keep everybody happy...but there isn't. The case was well made, and it is impossible not to feel angry at the closure of the Nuclear Structure Facility at Daresbury, a modest expense by comparison with Geneva, but slaughtered on the altar of economy.

But are the scientists just another interest group clamour-ing for gravy? The growth of science, and its increasing cost, means that hard choices will always have to be made. Relatively more successful countries will be able to spend more than we, high spending on pure science is more a

consequence of wealth than a

And what of Japan, which has so far avoided becoming embroiled in particle physics, in spite of American entreaties to provide a billion dollars or so to support the proposed superconducting super-collider? Are the Japanese culturally impoverished as a result? They certainly do not seem to be financially poorer for their concen-

tration on practical matters. Programmes like last night's leave too many questions unaddressed. The scientists prefer the focus as narrow as possible, to argue the case on their own ground. Seen in the wider context, however, science in Britain has always been overvalued in comparison with engineering, technol-

ogy and industrial design. Heads were shaken sadly last night over Mrs Thatcher, who was trained as a scientist but turned out a terrible disappointment to Save British Science. They had forgotten that Mrs Thatcher was also a grocer's daughter and her subject was chemistry, the most practical of the sciences. She spoke with the voices of Alderman Roberts and Professor Baldwin, a powerful combination. Scientists may get a better hearing from Mr Major, who looks a softer touch.

NIGEL HAWKES

Double dreamer takes flight

INTERVIEW

Sandi Toksvig, partnering Mike McShane in a West End play and a new television series both

opening this week,

talks to Heather Neill

andi Toksvig is five foot tall.
Mike McShane may well
measure five foot around the middle. They make a perfect comic partnership and not just because of this startling physical contrast. They met on screen in Whose Line is It Anyway?, Channel 4's improvisational game show. Toksvig says: "There was instant rapport. It's like playing tennis with someone whose style matches yours. You lob the ball

and it comes effortlessly back."
This week the Toksvig/
McShane partnership may be seen in action on stage in a comic version of A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Pocket Dream, and on Thursday evening in the first of a new television series. The Big One. Both are by Toksvig and her writing partner Elly Brewer. The Big One, as Toksvig sums it up, is "about two social misfits talking. not realising that the person they should fall in love with is sitting next to them. The best television comedy is really people just talking

The Pocket Dream, which had a sell-out run and a recent threeweek revival at Nottingham Playhouse, is not, to put it mildly, about people just talking. An ambitious touring company, The Henry Irving Strolling Players Memorial Theatre, finds itself reduced to two. Simon Beaumont and Phyllida, the leading lady, after the rest of the cast have absconded to the pub to escape Phyllida's helpful tips on acting. (Phyllida is played by actress Louisa Rix, "our one proper turn" as Toksvig puts it). Four others are pressed into service: Jo, the stage manager (played by Toksvig): Fe-lix, the fraudulent front-of-house manager, (McShane); Dave, a

technician; and Tom, Phyllida's

athletic admirer. PATRICK STODDART | There is also a complete set of



Sandi Toksvig: graduate of Cambridge and the Comedy Store

rag, tag and bobtail fairies, definitely not from the sugar and smarm school of stage kiddies. What ensues is a mixture of broad comedy as the amateurs tackle Shakespeare, doubling frantically and allowing pienty of backstage jealousies and sexual rivalries to creep into their acting, and a residue of genuine Dream magic.

The project began when Toksvig and friends from the Comedy Store (a London club, the origin of Whose Line?) went to see a friend in The Importance of Being Earnest at Nottingham Playhouse, where Toksvig's Cambridge contempo-rary. Pip Broughton, is artistic director. They planned an improvisation session afterwards: there were 700 people waiting to get in. Broughton and Toksvig began to think about a play for this different audience, more accustomed to cabaret and television than to

If Toksvig were not so ebullient.

so obviously dedicated to giving everyone in the audience a good time, you might almost think her motives bordered on the earnest. "The first thing was to get a new audience in the theatre. If people go away afterwards and read the Dream that's fab." (Fab is a favourite word). The Nottingham company did indeed receive letters from new Shakespeare enthusiasts and they did attract first-time theatregoers. One young man was overheard preparing his girlfriend thus: "When it starts, those curtains will open and there will be real people."

"There's always a chance", says Toksvig, "that there will be some-one in the audience for whom this will be their only visit to the theatre, ever. So we put in a bit of everything: farce, drama, audience participation, a big showbiz number and poetry."

There are, in fact, as the play proceeds, longer and longer sections of Shakespeare. "We began with a 12-page version of the play.

reduced to plot for us by Glen Walford. Then gradually we put favourite bits back and built it up from there. It was fiendishly complicated. There were charts all over the wall, different colours for Shakespeare, the modern bits and where they blend, and graphs for each character. It was like a military plan. Elly is very methodical, very organised, keen on struc-ture. I'm more likely to say 'why don't we have a trapeze artist at

She may have regretted that idea. Trussed up in a harness for most of the play, she swoops about, colliding with the scenery and diving for the stage as Puck. She also plays Hermia, Snout and Wall as well as the organising Jo. There are a few opportunities for ad-libbing, but, much of the time. deviation from a carefully choreographed stage plan would be

Preview audiences are responding well, but Tekering cannot conscal about the critical res non. She mentions reviewer summed up her part in the processia with "Sandi Toksvig

makes a dumpy Hermia." "There is a lot of coarse acting in the first two or three scenes," she says, "then we work on the premise that the play's magic affects the actors." Books are tossed aside and there are definite no-joke areas such as the "I know a bank"

speech by Oberon. Oberon is played by McShane, who is an old Shakespeare hand. "I was with the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival for a couple of years, with Annette Bening actually." He is not, he claims, a comedian - "I'm miserable at telling jokes" - but he enjoys his comic parmership with Toksvig, relishing with her, "the well-constructed gag," and enthusing about the mixture of "sweet poetry and wild knockabout" to be found in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The last speech of the play, "If we shadows have offended," Shakespeare's "apology", is left untouched. As Toksvig says: "You can't get writing better than that. It's our apology too. In fact, I think this mixture of broad cabaret style and poetry must be a bit like going to the Globe. I adore it when people join in. It's fab."

● The Pocket Dream opens at the Albery Theatre, (071-867 1115) tomorrow and The Big One is on Channel 4 on Thursday at 8.30pm.

hy, or as correspondents to Feedback might say, why oh why, is the programme you heard driving home from work always on again when you are driving back in? Why do you only ever hear the second half. and why is it always Science in

I turn on Radio 4 at 8.29pm to hear that "... ect will even touch the lugworm population unless international action is taken very quickly", only to turn on again in the morning three days later to hear a faintly familiar voice say

.. action is taken very quickly". All is not lost — there is always Pick of the Week, which (if you do not forget about the new network split and find yourself listening to the repeat of Woman's Hour instead) repeats the best of the week's repeats every Friday night. I turn on the radio in time to hear ...ernational action is taken very quickly", and then Chris Serle says: "So there you are - not even

lugworms are safe from it." All right, I made up the lug-worms, but the principle remains the same. In its efforts to give listeners two chances to hear something, the BBC often coincides precisely with the whims of supposed to keep all cabinet

RADIO

# **Another** chance to miss

even the most random dipper-in. Some repeats give you the chance not merely to catch up with something you missed first time around, but to enjoy moments of magic all over again. Take Face the Facts (Radio 4, Thursday evening, repeated Friday morning). In the last of the current series, John Waite listed the politicians who, as Young Turks, were in favour of a freedom of information act, but who, once in govern-ment, suddenly concluded that the public do not know what is good for them - or rather, what they do

not know will not harm them. One who refused the oath of omertà is Tony Benn, who found a way around the rule which is

papers away from public gaze for 30 years. Papers, yes, tape-recordings, no - there not having been such things when the 30-year rule was devised. At the end of every day of busy secret decision-making. Benn would go home and grass into his tape recorder.

So, on Thursday and again on Friday, you could hear him. snuffly with cold, calmly blowing the whistle on Jim Callaghan's and the rest of the cabinet on the day in 1978 that they decided to block the freedom of information bill which had formed a very public part of their own election

manifesto. This was a piece of information I would like to see freed more often in the run-up to the next election. whenever the present government sees fit to let us into the secret of its date. On the other hand, it is amazing we have not been told already - given that, according to Face the Facts, both Norman Lamont and Kenneth Baker were signatories to freedom of information petitions in their early days in the Commons. But that, of course, was before they had secrets of their

own to protect.

# When baby makes three

When parents already have two school age children heading for independence, why and how do they decide to have another child? Jane Bidder reports

wood became pregnant with her third child, six years after of her last, a friend reacted to the news with the words "Oh damn". "She had had a similar gap and knew how tough it could be, says 40-year-old Mrs Greenwood, from Hertlordshire, who, after having two children, had resumed her teaching career and was finally enjoying "me" time again. But she had not reckoned on the biological clock inside her. "I began yearning for a third child, particularly as I was nearly 40 and knew it was now or never. My husband would have been quite happy with two, but I couldn't get babies out of my mind. I just had to have a little girl called Dora." Nine months

The reality later, Mrs Greenwood produced a of a third hefty nine-pound baby boy called George, now nearly two. His child can be a sharp shock' family is thrilled. "It's wonderful to

have another baby round the house," says his mother.
"He's brought us more fun and laughter than I could ever have imagined. We were beginning to be a very serious family, but George's antics have us in stitches. The other day, I caught him scrubbing the television with the loo brush which he had pinched from the downstairs cloakroom."

Mrs Greenwood is not alone in that burning desire to have a third child, within the same marriage, several years after producing the standard two children. In 1989, 15 per cent of women giving birth already had two children compared with 14 per cent the year

"Many women whose children are well into school age experience this 'now or never' dilemma of whether to increase their families or not," agrees Dr Maria Callias, lecturer in clinical psychology at the London Institute of Psychiatry. "But the reality of a third baby can be a sharp shock. You've just started being a couple again as the children grow older and suddenly

you're back to the beginning." In fact, adds Dr Callias, a third child can be a recipe for disaster if one partner does not want it. "Not only can it lead to marital breakdowns, but it can also be tough on adolescents within the family. A reenager can be very annoyed by a haby in the way. On the other hand, a teenager can benefit through learning about young children, and you don't always get that sibling rivalry because an older child understands the needs of younger children better than a tiny tot presented with a baby."

Indeed, Mrs Greenwood's elder son adores his brother. "I used to

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worry that George would disrupt his life, particularly if Andrew had friends to stay overnight. But his chums adore the novelty." Amy, who is six, is not as entranced by the new arrival, possibly because she is closer in age. "She's not as sensible as Andrew. I recently found her teaching George to do handstands."

The inevitable social conflict of taking a rowdy toddler to a school concert is also taking its toll. The only answer, say the Greenwoods, is to split up at weekends with Charles, a scientist, taking the older children swimming or skating while his wife stays at home. "It's not ideal but there isn't any option," she adds. "But I'm training George to fit in. This summer, we want to go on a rambling

holiday so every day, George and I go for a walk in the nearby woods as practice."

Mr Greenwood, though tired, is

also pleased he finally took the plunge, although he has had to ac-cept a different lifestyle. His wife

confesses: "I no longer try to be superwoman and I've given up having dinner parties." Like the Greenwoods, Julia and Simon Goodwin, who live in Sussex, had a baby six years after the youngest of their two other children were born. For them, William's arrival came just in time. "Any later and the other two would have been like mini-adults.

A lot of friends are thinking about

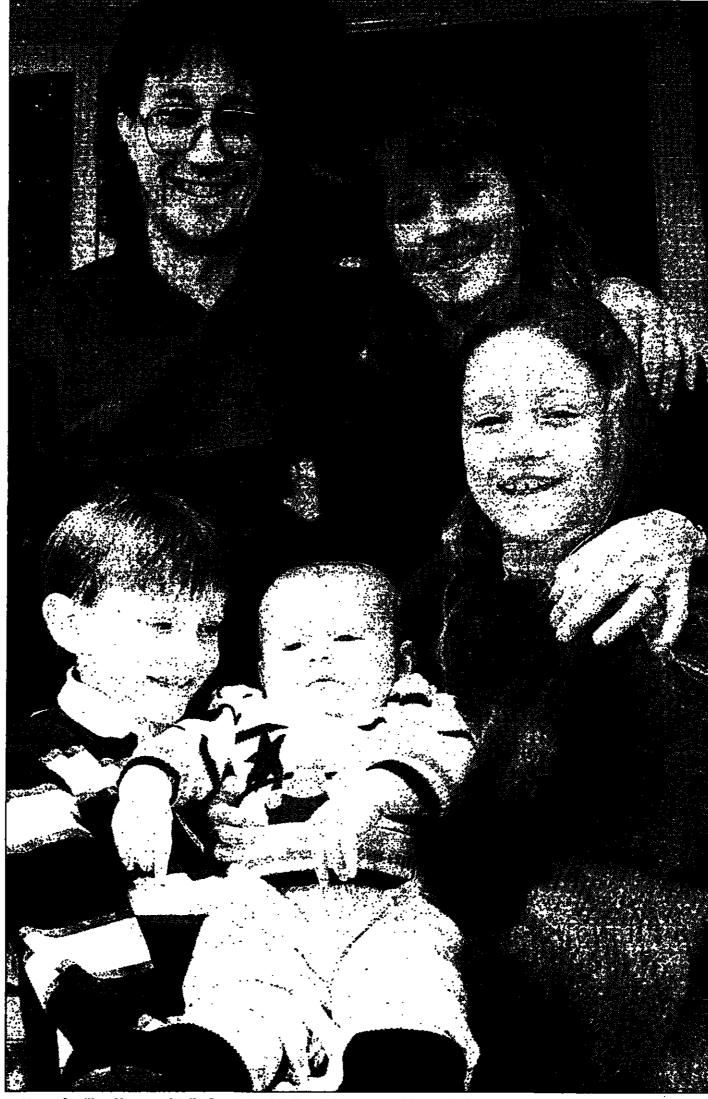
whether to have a third, which she considers to be "stepping outside the norm". This also paves the way ion middle child syndrome". Although neither nine-year-old Anna nor seven-year-old Oliver are jealous of the baby. Mrs Goodwin notes that he has increased the rivalry between them because they are competing for her time. "My daughter is extremely maternal with William. She'll get to his cot in the morning and would give him breakfast if I wasn't there first. Oliver isn't quite

him up and dump him in the Mrs Goodwin says that dealing with a baby again after so long is "an odd feeling — as though I've stepped back in time. And sometimes, when both children are out at a weekend party. I get the guilty thought that if we didn't have William, I could be doing some-

so paternal. If his brother stands

in front of the television, he'll pick

thing for myself."
Nevertheless, William's happy nature (which often goes with a third child because he has to fit in) more than compensates for the extra stress of having three children, says Mrs Goodwin. "I've also



learned to give myself more space

— I'm still working three days a week and somehow I fit in an

aerobics class too." Deciding whether to have a third is harder if you have a handicapped child like Chris and Rose Bartlett-Howard from Buckinghamshire. Their seven-year-old daughter Lauren has cerebral palsy (although her ten-year-old brother Jamie is perfectly normal) and 38-year-old Mrs Bartlett-Howard is expecting another baby in June. "Friends tell me I'm brave, but Lauren's paediatrician actually said it would be good for

her," she says. "Because she won't be the baby any more, it might help her to become more independent."

rs Bartlett-How ard's urge to have a Lauren had gone to school. "Suddenly I was left with an empty house all day. Some people might say that's a bad reason for having another child, but I desperately needed something to fill my heart and not just my arms." The Bartlett-Howards do not

envisage having a fourth child.

Happy families: Simon and Julia Goodwin with (from left) Oliver, William — their youngest child by six years — and Anna But even the best-laid plans can go

astray, as Paula and David May, from Nailsworth in Gloucest discovered. Mrs May, aged 33, felt she wanted a baby when her oldest children (Taniya, now 15, and Connor, 13) were well into primary school. "You forget the hard times and a baby suddenly seems incredibly attractive. We also had Taniya when I was only 17, while many of my friends got pregnant when she reached seven. That got

us both broody again." The result was Bennett, now seven, followed by Edward, six, who was "a total accident". Al-

though it is all great fun, says Mrs Bennett, it is also chaotic when it comes to juggling youth clubs, parties and band practices. Not surprisingly, Mrs May, who runs a bacon shop with her husband, has little time left for herself.

The Mays are not alone in assuming their third child would be the last. Friends with two children who agonised over hav-ing one more finally went ahead and ended up - without the use of fertility drugs - with quads. With scare stories like that, who needs

contraception?

# Between and not heard

Why is five to 15 uncharted territory?

There do teenagers come

from. Much attention is lavished on the issues of infancy. But after children reach the age of five, the gurus of child-rearing grow silent, it seems — as though once parents had delivered their offspring through the school gates, they no longer have problems. A period of calm in parenthood is believed to follow, the plateau of reason in the child's dev-elopment. The next time parents or children are paid any general attention is when the children reach their teens. Colic and pot-training are replaced by bellig-erence and solvent abuse as areas

of parental concern.
Teenagers materialise. The age
of glue-sniffing, heavy petting and
heavy metal. latterly drugs, sex
and rock 'n' roll. And they seem to
have spontaneously generated.
Yet the pre-teen years have been largely neglected. Society rec-ognises the problems of two-year-olds' tantrums in Tesco, and then teenage court appearances for mugging grannies, but nothing in between. But this middle genera-tion of children from five to teen

can no longer be overlooked. For a start, there are more of them. The greatest increase in population from now until 2000 will be among five to 14-year-olds. There will be 13 per cent more of them, compared with a total

### 'Children can raise anxieties and force parents to examine their own lives'

population growth of 3 per cent. That is where all the teenagers

come from.

And they are getting there sooner. During this century the age of puberty has advanced by one month every ten years. "Girls are first menstruating at 11 to 11½ on average," says Dr John Coleman, director of the Trust for the Study of Adolescence. "The onset of puberty occurs about 12 onset of puberty occurs about 12

to 18 months later for boys."

Most children are becoming 'teenagers" before their teens. So, the plateau is a little shorter and not as flat as previously supposed. "Parents today feel that their children are pressured into early adolescence," says Dr Coleman. "As parents we're more open with children, so kids are more aware. Children arrive at 'social puberty', awareness of the other sex, far sooner.

From sex to shopping. The increasing sophistication of this pre-teen group gives it greater influence in the world. A report published last October by Mintel International, consumer research analysts, Children - The In-fluencing Factor 1999, found that children of five to 11 had the greatest effect on their parents' purchasing decisions. It identifies children accompanying parents to supermarkets as "naggers" or "trolley-loaders", the not-so-hidden persuaders.

plans to bring out a new publica-tion next autumn, Check It Out, aimed at ten to 15-year-olds, "to help kids make choices wisely, says Sue Harvey, the editor. Persuasion for the persuaders. There are many of them and they are of one mind. And their minds are often occupied with video

Channel 4's programme Gamesmaster enjoys an audience of some 2.9 million viewers. "It was originally aimed at ten to 16-year-olds," says Dominic Diamond, the presenter, "but now we know it's watched and enjoyed not just by pre-teen boys, but girls too, some as young as six or seven. In a survey of readers of Parenting Plus, a new magazine "all about five to 15-year-olds". 82 per cent list emotional problems at the top of their concerns. They realise how family influence gives way to peer-group pressure

as their children grow.

Many parents with children approaching adolescence have problems of their own. "Often they are in their middle years, reassessing their own careers and marital relationships," says Dr Coleman. "The challenges pre-sented by their children can raise anxieties and force parents to examine their own lives and values.'

In spite of the external pressures and growing independence and sophistication of this age group, parents are not entirely redundant. "Teenagers do need parents. And adults need help to understand the process and the problems of adolescence so that they can offer their children uidelines in sensible and safe

behaviour. Teenagers do not come from nowhere. We grow them our-selves. The stork did not bring them; as parents, we brought them on ourselves.

DAVINA LLOYD The writer is editor of Parenting Plus magazine; published this month...

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# Supplementary benefits

The educational video business is set to take off as parents who are concerned about who can use video controls long before they can read. school standards turn to teachers such as Moustache the Cat. Lee Rodwell reports Add a generation of parents concerned about standards in schools. What have you got? A burgeoning business in educational videos. Last week saw the launch of Ronjour Les Amis, the latest in a range of children's videos produced by Wonderland Entertainment. The tapes aim to provide a gentle introduction to the French use language" through animated sto-

Each costs £8.99. Peter Andrew, the marketing director, is confident that sales will be good. "We commissioned a Gallup poll which showed us that although more than two-thirds of children watched some kind of video on an average day, only 51 per cent of parents think children's videos are sufficiently responsible. and only 52 per cent that they are sufficiently educational." he says.

ries featuring Moustache the Cat.

"At the same time, a great many parents were worried about the education system, and wanted to teach their children at home. But they need teaching aids - and that's why there has been such a growth in educational books. Videos will be the next thing parents will turn to.

Julia Mckechnie, the product manager for children's videos at WH Smith, predicts that its educational range will grow rapidly

over the next five years. Parents are anxious to expand their role as teachers, and video suppliers are becoming aware of the gap in the market. Since

children like videos, there is enor mous potential," she says.

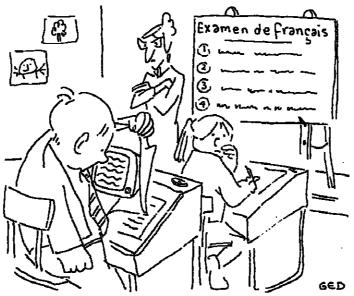
At present, most ritles are aimed either at pre-school and early learners or at GCSE students needing revision aids. But there are already some videos available by primary school

The six Make Your Mark videos from Avton, for example, are based on the national curriculum, and cover the three core topics of maths, English and science. Aimed at five to 11-year-olds, each costs £10.99.

Given parental concerns about standard assessment tests and levels of attainment, it is not surprising that various companies plan to introduce similarly targeted videos later this year. In addition. Wonderland is working on a project to put the science section of the Oxford Children's Encyclopaedia on to three tapes, which will be sold as a boxed set for £29.99 in the autumn.

One of the current best sellers is Carol Vorderman's Times Tables (£8.99), which is set to rock and rap and was launched last autumn the Storm Company as part of irs Video Class series covering

maths and English. Although the other titles are aimed at ten to 16-year-olds, Times Tables is for primary school children. One reason for its success is that Ms Vorderman is best



known as the numbers queen on Channel 4's Countdown. As Ms Mckechnie observes: "In general, unless there is a link with television, it is very difficult to get

It is possible that this has less to do with the power of television than the fact that parents are reluctant to buy a pig in a poke. With educational books, you can flip through the pages before you buy. With a video, you have to part with your money without knowing what is on the tape. At least if you have seen something on television. you will have a rough idea what to expect - and know whether or not you approve of the presenter or the characters involved

Of course, parental approval is only part of the equation. The real question is whether children really want to watch educational videos at all, however sweetly the pill is sugared. My own seven-year-old. keen to emulate his older sister. who learns French at school, asked to see Bonjour Les Amis 2. His attention wandered after five min-

However, Sharon Rule, of Norwich, has had more success with one of Wonderland's Ladybird activity rapes in the Read With Me

was his verdict.

utes. "It's too slow and babyish."

series, Dragon Ben, which her four-year-old daughter Charlotte enjoys watching.
"After we've taken her older brother to school, Charlotte likes to come home and watch a video,"

Mrs Rule says. "I thought I'd get her something rather more constructive than cartoons. She chooses what she wants to watch, and sometimes she still picks the cartoons but she goes for Dragon Ben more than I thought she would. She started recognising some of the words which come up on the screen, and I do think it's a way they learn without realising they're learning."

To a four-year-old, Dragon Ben no doubt fails into the same category as other cartoon characters. But in my experience older children sense a crucial difference between old favourites such as Count Duckula and new characters like Moustache the Cat. Duckula is there to amuse. Moustache is there to teach.

Victoria Oliver, the video coordinator for BBC Educational Publishing, suspects the market for educational videos is not as big as some suppliers believe. "When kids come home from school, they

are not going to sit down and say 'let's watch an educational video'. And if they've got £10 in their pockets, they're going to buy In Bed With Madonna, so you've got to target the parents. But I think it's a myth that there is a vast army of middle-class parents out there, obsessed by education and keen to use videos because they're a good teaching aid," she says.

"Teachers are crying out for material to use in schools but their expectations are much lower. After all, as a parent, if you can buy Disney for £12.99, will you settle for anything less?"

course, Disney can be educational. Fantasia has been one of the top-selling video titles of recent months and as Olive Forsyth of the National Union of Teachers says, "Fantasia is done in such a jolly way that it can encourage music appreciation, just as video versions of the classics can introduce children to a variety of literature".

The animated operas and the animated tales of Shakespeare two projects in the pipeline - will undoubtedly do well. Dat I offer a cautionary tale.

Last week, in an attempt to encourage my ten-year-old to de-velop what her teacher calls reading stamina, I suggested she borrow T.H. White's book The Sword in the Stone from the library. She took a quick look inside and then placed it firmly back on the shelf. "I've seen it on

video." she said.

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# Searching for the eighth wonder

Anne McElvoy meets the man who is trying to unravel one of the great war mysteries: the whereabouts of Peter the Great's Amber Chamber, stolen by the Nazis and said to be worth millions, but not seen since the end of the war

tanding on Weimar's square with no name, formerly Karl Marx Square, formerly Square of the Führer Adolf Hitler, Hans Stadelmann's eyes glint as he surveys the preserved Nazi architectural compound around him and announces: "We may well be standing above one of the greatest lost treasures of the world.

A moment later he jabs a finger at sheets of engineering diagrams, the result of the last months' fresh research into the whereabouts of the Amber Chamber, After a while he observes that his listeners are not au fait with perpendiculars and plumb line readings, so he it simple. "There are hundreds of rooms down there, none of them accessible to anyone except the SS since 1943. What were they hiding? And why has there been no attempt to excavate since the war? The communists just sealed off the whole undereround area.

Herr Stadelmann, a retired construction foreman, is convinced that the chamber, a present from Germany's Frederick William I to the Russian tsar Peter the Great in 1716, lies buried beneath the complex of grandiose 1936 buildings known as the Gauforum. This incongruous monument to the Nazis forms a blot on the elegant Thuringian town which would prefer to be remembered for producing Goethe and Schiller than Buchenwald and Bormann. The chamber, also known as the Bernsteinzimmer, consists of 21 ornate wall panels and furnishings, all decorated with Baltic amber, a favourite

stone of European royalty. Herr Stadelmann has spent the Reich records in his attempt to piece together one of the great war mysteries: the whereabouts of the treasure known as the eighth wonder of the world and estimated to be worth DM 250 million (£88

In Weimar, his stocky figure has become a familiar sight, tapping the ground outside the Gauforum, pestering the town archivists for details of building work. He ranked as an obsessive, an old man passing his retirement in

pursuit of the impossible. Now that both the German and



Searching: Hans Stadelmann

their axes, there are strong indications that Herr Stadelmann may be right. In December last year, Boris Yeltsin announced that he knew where the chamber was. A Soviet newspaper fuelled the ex-citement, quoting an unearthed intelligence report as saying that the treasure was buried in

But Mr Yeltsin's confidence was followed by a crashing silence from Moscow, suggesting that the Russians had decided for tactical reasons to let the mystery of the Amber Chamber mature a little

burg's winter palace, the chamber was then moved to the summer palace at nearby Zarskoje Selo. It was taken as German booty dur-ing the 1941 invasion. Wehrmacht troops were ordered to dismantle it and return it to German soil. It was last seen in the castle at Königsberg, now Kaliningrad, in 1944. The only photo-graph of the room in existence was

taken after its reassembly there. When the British intensified their raids on the east Prussian city, the curator of the city's art treasures, Aiordered

It was 1945 — and never seen again.

A thousand theories have since emerged about its fate. A Soviet officer recorded that he had found the charred remains of the chamber's florentine mosaic in Konigsberg and concluded that the crates had been burned. Other Königsberg sources relate that the crates went down in the Baltic when the Wilhelm Gustloff, one of the last German ships to leave the city, was torpedoed in January 1945. Nazi records, however, indicate that the treasure did leave Königsberg most probably on a special train ordered by the city's Gauleiter Erich Koch, a passionate collector

Originally installed in St Peters-

Ronde, that the chamber be moved

packed into some 30 crates for removal westwards in January

of other people's art. Koch, who died in Polish captivity in 1986 announced: "Where my treasure is, the Bernsteinzimmer also lies." His collection was last seen in

Weimar in April 1945. An inven-

anyone except the SS since 1943. What were they hiding? tory discovered in the Weimar museum at the end of the war records that he was in posse

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There is little doubt that its intended destination after Königsberg was Weimar, a stashing point dered from eastern Europe. As the German armies retreated in late 1944. Hitler became obsessed with contingency plans for his own safety. He ordered the building of a bunker in the Thuringian village of Jonastal, half an hour's drive from Weimar.

of 100 amber pieces which could

have been part of the chamber.

Some 5,000 inmates from the nearby Buchenwald concentration camp were provided as forced labour. But the work proceeded too slowly and Hitler's officials turned their attention back to the Gauforum. Koch met Martin Bormann in early 1945 and Koch's diary recalls that he

led Hitler's deputy through the maze of tunnels under the square. The SS files from this perhave never been traced. Herr Stadelmann lieves that they are buried beneath the

Gauforum. The blueprints for the complex show a set of rooms which cannot be reached from the main corridor. There are also sketches of a second basement, but apparently no stairway leading to it.

After the war, Thuringia ended up in East Germany. The Gauforum buildings, including the Gauleiter headquarters, the old museum and the police head-quarters were occupied by the Soviet command until 1951 and then left to rot. Only in the early 1980s did the regime begin to show an interest in what might lie beneath the Gauforum. Hundreds of students were drafted in to clear the rubble from inside the museum. The Ministry of State Security allocated funds to the search and

research. I didn't give them any-

thing they could use," recalls Herr

devoted unwelcome attention to Herr Stadelmann. They demanded details of my

Stadelmann, who never had much time for the communists. He believes that the government was belatedly keen to find the treasure doubtless to sell abroad to finance its ailing economy - but

> too many secrets of the Nazi period in the process. For the town, the pride of the East as the birthplace of Goethe and Schiller, home of the classical movement and Germany's first, doomed democracy, had later proved fertile ground for national socialism. The communists were always at pains to understate the

> extent to which German fascism was a mass movement, preferring sprang from the marriage of interests between Hitler and big business with the middle, not the working class as the enthusiastic

hen the communist regime collapsed, the rumours which had always circulated in treasure re-emerged. After Mr Yeltsin's announcement, hundreds of Germans descended on the Jonastal site. They scraped and dug and peered down holes, but found nothing. Later, when the

Unique: the only photograph in existence of the Amber Chamber was taken after its reassembly in the castle at Königsberg in the closing months of the second world war tunnels, sealed by the Americans

in 1945, were blasted open, there was no sign that anything had been stored there. The treasurehunters turned back to Weimar. The museum, which houses the that it was anxious not to unearth

entrance to the tunnels, is being scaffolded to prepare for a careful excavation in the years to come. But Herr Stadelmann is impatient. "There seems to be common interest between Bonn and Moscow that this should not proceed too quickly," he says. He believes there is a tacit German-Soviet agreement not to open up the tunnels until the Soviet troops finally pull out in 1994 to prevent mass outrage if buried victims of the Soviet occupation should be found there.

After some delay, Bonn has thrown only limited weight behind excavation on the grounds that searching for a lost treasure could be a costly and fruitless exercise. If art treasures are discovered beneath Weimar, they are likely to form the first major art exchange under the terms of the friendship treaty signed between Bonn and Moscow last year. The timing and extent of such an exchange is an important factor in relations between the new Germany and the

sceptical about the Weimar lead. Klaus Roth, the director of the Missing Art of Europe foundation, insists that it is impossible

that the Chamber should have reached Germany intact in 1945, but he does have grudging admiration for the exactitude of Herr Stadelmann's research. The layman still works without financial assistance, filing his documents in the corner of his living room, poring daily over maps and plans. He now receives polite calls from the foreign ministry requesting information. "If I live to see the chamber or even to know what happened to it, I will die happy, ne says.

The search for the missing treasure has unearthed memories of events purposefully forgotten during the past four decades. The story of the Amber Chamber has forced us all to be honest about the support that Hitler enjoyed in Weimar," says Georg Linder, a local researcher into the rise of fascism. Under its notorious Gauleiter Fritz Saukel, the town was one of the earliest to national socialism. "The Nazi years remain undigested here — like a stone in the stomach." Mr Linder adds. "Maybe the treasure is history's way of forcing us to look more The art establishment remains closely at our past and ourselves."

# Must the show go on?

Sunday night and the Jarrow Elvis Roadshow is on at the concert room of The Victoria Park pub in Jarrow on Tyneside. cream if you want to see Junior Elvis's body," shouts the compère. Junior Elvis swaggers on to the stage with the studied nonchalance of a star, only his mouth is hanging open, he has a twisted foot and a wasted body.

He knocks over the microphone and the audience begins to snigger. He attempts to sing, and people giggle. By the time he has finished butchering several Elvis songs they are laughing hysterically.

To the audience, the joke is that Junior, Jarrow, Geno, Clive and the rest of the roadshow are not in on the joke. The performers think that they are stars, the audience knows they cannot sing or dance. The women out on a hen night and the men out for a pint are under no illusion about what they are seeing. "We call it knackers night. Why? Well they're a sandwich short of a picnic. not very clever, a bunch of knackers really," says one of

the audience. The performers range from the emaciated to the grossly overweight. Two of them are physically disabled, others have a history of learning difficulties and have suffered from mental distress, none have jobs and all live on benefits. They are not paid for their acts, but they all love their job and the audience

keeps coming back for more. On Sunday nights, they can attract a full house of 350 people, more than for any professional performers during the week. Is this theatre of cruelty - an exploitative 20th century freak show? Or is it a form of care in the community, a way of making these 'Knackers night' at the Jarrow Elvis Roadshow has split opinion over the ethics of performances by the disabled

people feel integrated and needed. If they want to per-form, does anyone have the

right to stop them?
The debate has divided Jarrow. Most of the local people see nothing wrong in the show. They pack out the hall on Wednesday and Sunday nights, chat to the per-

formers when they see them around town and feel that everyone is having a good laugh, so no harm is done. The social services, the mental

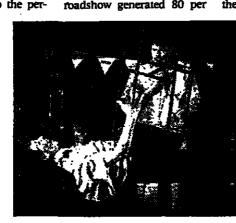
health charity Mind, and some of the performers' neighbours are perturbed, but are unsure what to do. Now 40 Minutes has produced a documentary on the madshow and added to the disquiet.

John Sargeant, a local resident and regional information officer for Mind. is caught between his feelings of revulsion and his liberal fears about denying the performers their freedom. Mind advocates involving people with disabilities in the community. "If they had chosen swimming or painting as a form of recreation it would have been easy, but they want

to perform and it would be

they are tricking these men

believe that it is involved in anything unethical. Blake Robson, who was pub manager when the documentary was shot last July, but has since left, admits that the



Junior Elvis goes through the motions

"What I really can't agree with is the commercial aspect of the whole affair," he says. "If these people were making a living from what they did it wouldn't be exploitation, but they aren't and I don't know how the management can hold up their heads knowing out of any money."

The management does not

roadshow generated 80 per

years ago, and he is now alone, "Geno

cent of his turnover, and adds: "Without them the pub would close down." He justifies paying per-

formers only in lemonade and, for some, beer tokens, by saying that otherwise they would all lose their disabled benefits. "It's better than nothing," Junior Elvis says. Mr Sargeant rubbishes the suggestion. "They are entitled to earn up to £15 a week and keep their disabled benefits.

But the pub should be paying

them the same rates as the band (a professional outfit). then they wouldn't need the disablement allowances." The roadshow is delighted with its unexpected fame and Geno Hannah, the manic

tambourine and maracas

He also plays at local wed-dings and functions. The Victoria Park has been

his salvation. As a child he learning difficulties, with the result that he has a highpitched squeal and talks in the third person. His grandmother died three

> used to sit at home staring at the four walls, but now I get out, play my maracas, make people happy," he says in the documentary. He has made friends with Clive Ritter, a singer, who has chronic ill health and a history of mental problems. They both agree that living in

an institution would be like going to prison. This provides the main argument for Mr Robson. Their lives are boring and

depressing, but when they are up on stage, in the lights, they can escape from the hell they are living," he says. However, he does admit to twinges of guilt and salves his conscience by helping the performers with rent arrears and free rehearsal rooms.

To Mr Sargeant, the determination of the performers in overcoming their disabilities is admirable. "Sadly. most people cannot see the heroism. They just see someone failing to reach the first rung on any normal ladder, and they feel it is all right to laugh." He is worried that the performers are living a fantasy, and that it will all end in tears. "The pub is not a charity, it is a business, and when these men stop being financially viable where will

Already, new management has taken over the pub. It has cut down the roadshow from three hours to 20 minutes, and feels no responsibility towards the performers.

ichard Conroy, the new manager, says:
"We keep thinking of dropping them, they have been going on for five years and they are just not new any nger. They are abominable. They murder the songs. I feel no obligation to them. Nick Catliff, the 40 Min-

utes producer, admits that he had problems with the documentary. He did not want the audience to end up laughing at the roadshow because then he felt that he, too, would be exploiting the performers, but he wanted to convey the ethical ping-pong in Jarrow, and that involved extensive filming of the performance.

Initially, the documentary just showed the roadshow and local people, leaving viewers to draw their own conclusions, but both Mind and the BBC disability unit felt that people should be given direction, otherwise the film might just be considered a freak show, so more

commentary was added. Having worked on the documentary for three months, Mr Catliff is left feeling as torn as Mr Sargeant. The club has made them celebrities and raised their selfesteem," he says. "The exploitation is morally indefensible, but no one is offering | Living them anything better."

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# Did the Earth move for you?

The prospect of a married couple in a shuttle has forced Nasa to consider the implications of sex and pregnancy in space. Nigel Hawkes reports

proving a bit of an embarrassment for Nasa. the US space agency. Although it is sending up a married couple in the space shuttle in August, it refuses to contemplate the possibility of them boldly going where no astronaut has

A chaste kiss may be acceptable for Mark Lee and Jan Davis, who were selected for the mission before they married last year, but anything more is out.

Nasa officials shudder at the

mere mention of sex in space, although their puritanism is showing signs of shifting. When Dr Yvonne Clearwater, the head of habitability research at Nasa's Arnes Research Centre, wrote in the July 1985 issue of Psychology Today that the agency "must plan for the possibility of intimate behaviour" in space missions lasting 90 days or longer, she created

Yet last week the heavens failed to open when Regina North, a behavioural scientist at Nasa's Johnson Space Centre, told a conference at the University of Alabama that the agency was missing a golden opportunity to conduct research on sex in zero gravity. "We have this incredible opportunity, and there is no experiment planned," she said.

he last frontier in space is "This could be an experiment like no other life science experiment. We could monitor heart rates and determine what are the physiological problems."

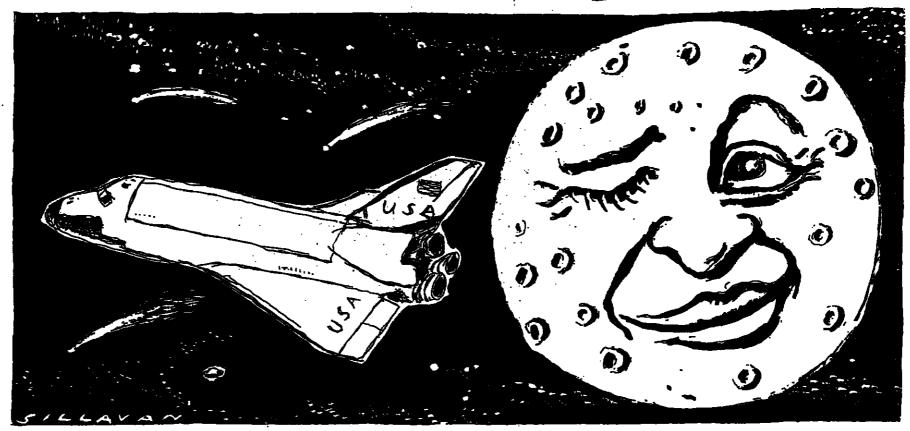
Dr North added: "Nasa doesn't want to talk about sex but I'm thinking about it. It's a very puritan society." She concedes. however, that astronauts don't have a lot of time to think about anything but their job. "They are using all their libido to do experiments. They're busy 24 hours a

The space shuttle is hardly the ideal place for a romantic rendezvous. Lt-Col Lee, who is 38, and his wife Dr Jan Davis, a 37-yearold mechanical engineer, will be travelling with five other astronauts in a space little bigger than a living-room.

True, plenty of relationships have been cemented in the backs of cars, but privacy is generally considered an important ingredient. Lt-Col Lee and his wife, showing the right stuff as far as the agency is concerned, have de-clined to comment on all the vulgar speculation.

According to a Nasa spokes woman, they do not want their marriage to be the focus of the flight. Some hope.

The issue cannot, however, be postponed for ever. Once the US space station is in orbit, the extra



room and the privacy that will be available in a satellite 350ft long, with comfortable crew quarters, will probably make sexual relationships inevitable.

The question goes beyond sex. One characteristic of the longduration Soviet space missions is the frequency with which the crew become morose, start bickering, and lose their ability to do their

Some experts have suggested that married couples might stand a better chance of surviving this kind of stress.

Former Apollo astronaut Michael Collins -- who had the frustrating task of orbiting the Moon on the Apollo 11 mission while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin set foot on its surface - has written a book called Mission to Mars, which argues the case.

"An element of stability, of oldshoe comfort, would be introduced. by having one's wife or husband to fall back on," he says. "Certainly a singles-bar atmosphere, a charged

mixture of sexually unattached competitors, would be a disaster." Sex is one thing, pregnancy is another. While the speculation is that sex in space might be reasonably easily accomplished, there is genuine uncertainty about a space

pregnancy, with questions over the effects of low gravity and high radiation.

Experiments with insects have shown that the space environment can affect the development of cells, so the possibility of mutations cannot be ruled out. Many scientists would prefer to observe the reproduction of rats and mice in

space first.
"Space may not be the best place

to get pregnant," Dr Lynn Wiley of the University of California recenttold the New York Times. "But my personal feeling is that over the long term, it's inevitable that Homo sapiens is going to leave the earth and establish domiciles on other planets with all that that implies. To me it's not too early to begin preparations for that kind of event. We can't ignore the reproductive issues any longer."

# **How Neolithic Man** farmed wheat

Seeds give clues to the origins of agriculture

vations tell archaeologists that our Neolithic forebears 4.000 years BC were the first farmers. They grew wheat and ground it into flour, and bread was part of their staple diet - although a handful of charred or waterlogged seeds are often the only organic

But was the bread they more like a hard pizza base? Did communities in neighbouring valleys grow different strains of wheat and swap them? If so, where did the better bread-making varieties of this important crop originally come from?

According to new British research, some answers can be found locked and encoded in the cells of a preserved wheat seed.

Molecular biologists at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (Umist), working with archaeologists at Cambridge University, have discovered an important genetic link with the past They have isolated intact

chains of DNA molecules the genetic blueprint - from wheat seed remnants thousands of years old. Professor Martin Jones, of

Cambridge University's department of archaeological sciences, says: "We know that the wheat grown by early man must have had different characteristics from what we grow now, but that is simply because the seeds look

Tests have confirmed the presence of preserved DNA

### The genetic information may answer old mysteries

in a range of seed remains up to 2,000 years old. A set of waterlogged seeds came from medieval cesspit site in Oxford and partially fossilised seeds came from old Palestine. Charred seeds came from the former threshing areas and storage pits of an Iron Age hill fort at Dane-bury in Hampshire, which had a population of about 500 in 500BC.

The key difference between DNA in a living organism and that in an ancient seed specimen is the length of intact DNA chains. With

time, DNA chains compris-ing several thousand linked chemical units called nucleotides break down into shorter

Laboratory analysis of the ancient DNA carried out by Dr Terry Brown at the department of biochemistry at Umist has found intact DNA chains up to 1,000 nucleotide units long. "From the amounts of DNA we are says. "it is likely that they still contain at least one copy of all their DNA molecules."

Current evidence suggests that farming originated in the Levant 12,000 years ago. but that it did not arrive in this country until nearly 6.000 years later. Professor Jones believes

this new technique of biomolecular archaeology could provide evidence to fill many of the gaps in our knowledge of that process.

"The genetic information locked in these charred grains of wheat could hold the answers to some of the mysteries surrounding trade and the growth and spread of farming practices among our early ancestors across Europe and Asia," he says.

Some of the key questions are: was agriculture invented once and then spread or did



Professor Martin Jones: Solving mysteries of trade

people all over the world move in the same direction at a certain time in history? Were neighbouring valleys swapping crops? How much genetic material have we lost?

The Umist team will look for a baseline set of genes which characterise different sorts of wheat and which are insensitive to evolutionary selection pressures. That way they will be able to trace how trade in seeds spread farming

across Europe and Asia.

with crops and plants still use early 19th-century methods." Professor Jones says.

"We still look down ordinary microscopes and separate the short, fat seeds from the long, thin ones and try to make informed guesses on how they are related.

"These new methods will allow archaeologists to speak the same language as molecular biologists at the cutting edge of their research."

cramp. Neurologists believe that MICK HURRELL

# **Botulism helps to fight** a mystery disease

FOR ten years, the only way Mavis Pearson could recfamily and friends was by the colour and style of the shoes they were wearing. "I used to tell everybody who knew me not to change their footwear because it made life so difficult," she says. "I could not tell who

they were."

She did not know it at the time but she was afflicted by a rare form of dystonia, a dis order that doctors believe affects parts of the brain, causing unpredictable muscle spasms. In her case, the inability to lift her eyelids to

see the world. "The condition became so bad that people assumed I was asleep," she recalls. "People talk about not being able to keep their eyes open through exhaustion. For me it was true, but in my case I feit wide awake."

The breakthrough came when she heard about the Dystonia Society and sought help through it. Her condition was diagnosed as a rare form of dystonia called blepharospasm, which app-ears as muscle spasm affecting the area around the eyes. While Ms Pearson was an extreme case, other victims have been known to suffer in-

voluntary grimacing and un-controllable blinking. Dys-tonia affecting the arms and hands is known as writer's many cases go undiagnosed. The Dystonia Society says that as many as one in 2,000 people may be affected to varying degrees. Britain has 4,000 known sufferers.

Researchers are some way from understanding the cause of blepharospasm, let alone close to finding a cure. but they may be on their way to controlling some of the symptoms. A new treatment,

After the first injection, I could actually see the sky

a toxin developed at Porton Down in Wiltshire, is producing dramatic results. The toxin is derived from an organism called clostridium botulinium, which grows in food and is more familiar as botulism the notorious organism of food poisoning. Minute amounts of the toxin, one of the deadliest known to man, are injected under the skin of the affected areas in suitable patients. The theory is that it so weakens the

contractions ease off, then stop completely.

Ms Pearson decided to sample the treatment, with amazing results. She says: "It

sounded very unusual but I

breeder reactor so that stock-

muscles that the distressing

could not go on as I was. The morning after the first injection was a miracle. I could actually see the sky At first, she had the injec-

tions every few weeks; now they are at five-monthly intervals. She has not suffered any side-effects.

The therapy was developed in the US by Alan Scott, an ophthalmic researcher looking for ways of treating eye squints and ties that would not require invasive surgery. He hit on the idea of botulooking for agents that could

British researchers at the Centre for Applied Microbi-ology and Research at Porton Down have used skills honed warfare technology to come up with their own toxin, for which last year the govern-ment granted a product licence. It is marketed through Porton Products, a private company, but the royalties go to CAMR and indirectly to the taxpayer.

Dr Peter Hambleton, who helped develop the toxin, says that although it is not a cure for dystonia, the relief it has already brought to victims justifies the research and development costs. Mike Eaton of Dystonia Society said that the treatment does not work

in all cases, although it is a lifeline for many. **DERMOT MARTIN** 

# **Dolphins find** a porpoiseful way to cruise

How the ocean-going mammals hitch a ride

DOLPHINS playing around the bows of ships are trying to get a free ride, measurements by American scientists have shown.

For the first time, researchers have proved what mariners have long suspected. By riding the bow or stern waves of ships, or keeping company with whales, dolphins are carried along effortlessly. All they need do is to twitch a fin occasionally to keep themselves in the right position.

Dr Terrie Williams and colleagues from the Hawaii laboratory of Naval Oceans Systems Center in Kailua used bottlenose dolphins. which had been trained to swim alongside a 21st motor boat while their heart rate and breathing were monitored through a special harness. Their metabolic rate was measured by taking blood samples immediately after

The scientists report in Nature that waveriding is an exceptionally efficient means of transport. When the boat was moving through the water at four and a half mph, the dolphins swam alongside, but as the speed was increased they moved to the stern and rode the stern wave at speeds of up to eight miles per hour.

The measurements showed that the mammals were able to do so using barely any more energy than they did while swimming unaided at the slower rate. When the dolphins' metabolic rate was measured, it showed. Dr Williams says, that the faster the boat had been going, the less energy the

dolphins needed to keep up. The chances are that the dolphins' skill was developed long before there were ships in the oceans. The dolphins probably learnt the skill of hitching a ride by following whales. Dr



Evolutionary trick: bottlenose dolphin

Williams says: "Dolphins habitually follow whales and have probably been doing so for millions of years."

The evidence gathered shows that for a mammal, the dolphin is an exceptionally efficient swimmer, about twice as efficient as seals or sea lions, and about ten times as efficient as human beings. Fish, however, are more efficient still; a salmon as big as a dolphin, if such a creature can be imagined, would be about twice as efficient as a dolphin. However, salmon, clever as they may be, have not devised an energy-saving strategy to rival the dolphin's. The authors of the study conclude: "What appears to be playful behaviour to the casual observer on ship also provides an economical (albeit not free) ride for the dolphin."

NIGEL HAWKES

## ice body is dated

CARBON dating has con-firmed that the body found in an Alpine glacier last year is that of a man who lived 5.300 years ago. Tests at laborato-ries in Oxford and Zurich confirmed the dates found earlier for samples of grass taken from the man's clothing.

The man was found close to the border between Austria and Italy. The tests show that he died between 3,350 BC and 3,300 BC.

### **Gulf oil trip**

UNESCO has sponsored a 100-day scientific cruise of the Persian Gulf to study the effect of the oil spills during

the Gulf war. More than 120 specialists from 15 countries will use the American research vessel Mount Mitchell

during the cruise, which set off last week from Muscar. They will also take the opportunity to study the currents, tides and temperatures of the Gulf. as well as oil

### Birth pain

contamination.

WOMEN who have painful periods may also suffer more pain in childbirth, the Journal of Psychometric and Obstetric Gynaecology reports.
Professor Nancy Lowe of
Ohio State University interviewed 165 women and found that the most significant predictors of labour pain were confidence and previous

experience of period pain. The more confident the woman was about labour, the less pain she experienced.

### Ring fingered IO. THE third-largest moon

of Jupiter, is far less active volcanically than it was 12 years ago. The Ulysses spacecraft swung around Jupiter in February on its way to the Sun, and observed that a gaseous ring around the planet was far smaller than expected, suggesting that Io was less active than when it was observed by the Voyager probes in 1979.

### Nuclear aid

JAPAN may provide the former Soviet Union with the technology to build a fast

piles of weapon plutonium can be used as nuclear fuel, Japanese government officials have said. Between 70 and 80 tonnes of plutonium could come from the 15,000 warheads that might ultimately be scrapped.

SCIENCE UPDATE:

### Tumour study MUTATIONS in a gene that

normally suppresses tumours are responsible for the growth and increase in malignancy of brain tumours, a team led by Bert Vogelstein of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has reported in

Technique fails A PROCEDURE used in some hospitals to try to pre-

vent fatal infections by decontaminating the digestive tract with antibiotics is ineffective, according to a French study. The New England Journal of Medicine reports: "Selective decontamination of the digestive trace does not improve survival, though it substantially increases the cost of

### Pit poliution PROFESSOR Iain Thornton

of the Global Environment Research Centre at Imperial College, London, is to launch a study of ancient mining and smelting sites in Britain.

Finding how far toxic metals have penetrated into the soil at old lead and zinc smelters and pre-1700 brass works should provide a way of measuring how quickly toxic metals move, and help in assessing recent contamina-

# Lessons take a dive for undersea pupils

IN A Liverpool lecture theatre in a year's time, children will be able to drive mini-submarines although they are 7,000 miles away and take part in underwater experiments, as a British museum becomes the first institution outside North America to

join the Jason Project. Robert Ballard. the scientist who discovered the wrecks of the Titanic and the Bismarck battle-cruiser set up the project three years ago. The idea was to make science learning more interesting by involving stu-dents directly, via satellite, in some of the exciting ventures being carried out by teams from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

in a two-week programme of live

satellite links next February, the children will communicate with oceanographers, marine biologists and archaeologists working hundreds of feet below the surface in the Sea of Cortez off the California coast.

Dr Ballard has established 20 primary interaction network sites (PINs) in the US and Canada. where equipment has been installed to link with underwater experiments. The Liverpool Museum, part of the

National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, will become the first PIN on this side of the Atlantic, with a studio in the lecture theatre of the Merseyside Maritime Museum. American and Canadian children have been able to join an excavation of Roman vessels in the Atlantic and



experiments among the animals of the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean. A Woods Hole team is now examining a phenomenon over the San Andreas seismic fault in the Sea of Cortez that creates large parcels of hot water and its effect on the maritime wildlife.

Watching three giant screens in the museum's lecture theatre, the children will be able to watch experiments live as they are carried out in the Sea of Cortez, question the scientists as they work and even drive by remote control the minisubmarines carrying television

The museum now has to raise about £160,000 for the satellite equipment and the running costs of the programme. Eric Greenwood. keeper of Liverpool Museum, said the project would open children's

minds to the excitement of science. SIMON TAIT

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# The Inns under pressure to reform

Why should eating dinners be necessary? Derek Wheatley, QC, queries tradition and Frances Gibb puts a case for reform

student saying that he or she is eating dinners for call to the Bar may sound rather grand, but what does it mean? Is it necessary to have to eat dinners to qualify as a member of a learned profession nowadays? Who organises it and

These are questions not often asked and less often answered. The reason may be that the four inns of court, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple, Middle Temple and Gray's Inn. have the sort of mystique and history that is loved, backed by a sort of power and authority that is revered.

The complete respectability of the inns of court is underwritten by those who rule them - the Masters of the Bench or "benchers". These include the Prince of Wales at Gray's Inn. Princess Margaret at Lincoln's Inn, the Queen Mother and the Princess of Wales at Middle Temple, and the Duke of Edinburgh at Inner Temple. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, in other areas a great reformer, is an honorary bencher of Inner Temple.
The inns of court are of ancient

origin. Gray's Inn, for instance, belonged in the 13th century to Sir Reginald Le Gray, who was given responsibility for legal teaching. The magnificent Middle Temple Hall, built by Elizabeth I, has the best hammer-beam ceiling in Britain and has been "home" for barristers since 1570. The Temple Church witnessed the nightly vigil of those about to join the Holy Order of the Knights Templar before the knights were turned out by Edward II in 1312 and the

barristers moved in. Benchers are chosen from barristers of the inn. usually seven or eight years after being granted silk. There are slight variations between the inns but 60 to 80 per cent of QCs become benchers. Once appointed, they may use the splendid private rooms of their inn like life members of a club with only a modest entrance fee and no

annual subscription. Senior members of no other profession have such power or privileges. They pay a price vit is true, because benchers sit on all the committees of the inn and give their time and expertise without additional reward to administer

The fact remains, however, that benchers are not only above other lawyers of their inn but above the law. Halsbury's Laws of England says of the inns of court with some awe: "The Benchers are the governing body who alone have power to fill vacancies in or to add to their own number... to call students to the Bar... they can expel any member and can disbar a Barrister and disbench one of their own number. The property of each Inn is vested in Trustees appointed from among the Benchers ... in all these matters they are entirely outside the jurisdiction of the ordinary Courts . . . an action cannot be maintained against the Benchers . . . in respect of any act done by them in their official

capacity.

The Courts have refused to grant a mandamus to admit a person as a student or to call a student to the Bar and will not determine questions of title to Chambers which belong to any of the Inns of Court.'

Benchers undertake their selection themselves so that they are a self-perpetuating minority, and by secret vote, not to be disclosed by any bencher, under pain that he "shall lose his voice in Parliament". Those who are not selected never know why not.

Employed barristers find little favour here or in the Bar hierarchy generally. Only eight of many thousands have ever been appointed QC, although three of the eight were considered sufficiently worthy of honour by others to be appointed CBE as well.

Only one is thought ever to have been called to the bench, in 1988 by Gray's Inn.

Among other privileges, benchers have better food and better wine than students and, in most inns, than the other harristers as well. All food and drink is subsidised by the inns, whose main source of revenue is the rents paid by barristers for their professional

There has been controversy over the level of rents charged. This resulted in the passing of an unprecedented resolution at the Bar's annual meeting last November by a large majority, "that the Bar Council . . . should require the four inns of court not to charge their Bar tenants, or to cease with



Bastion of the Bar: the Middle Temple. Top right: Derek Wheatley is a barrister in revolt against the customs of the respected inns

(as the case may be), a rent which exceeds the open market rental obtainable for similar leases of similar buildings in the immediate vicinity of each inn".

A look at the accounts of one of the inns to the end of 1990 gives some insight into the cause of the sentment prompting the resoluincome from professional chamers of the inn, to whom details of

bers, where barristers work was £2,789,365, but from residential chambers, or flats, only £198,188. As residential chambers in that inn account for 22.4 per cent of the whole letting area, it seems they bear less than their fair share. only 6.6 per cent, of the whole burden. About half of them (3) tion. These show that in that year out of 67) are occupied by bench-

residential chambers available for letting are first circulated. Back to the dinners. Should

students, as part of their qualification, have to eat dinners at all? This used to be a yardstick of Bar legal education. Dining was accompanied by moots and readings of the law. There w ing experienced barristers at work in the courts. Since 1875, however, the Council of Legal Education has taken over. There have been formal training and examina-tions. To be qualified for call to the Bar, students no longer have to attend moots or readings but only to pass the examinations - and eau 24

Students as well as barristers



must appear, robed, by 7pm in the are embellished with the coats of armour of former treasurers and readers of the inns. Old Master paintings hang on the walls.

The steward, wearing a medieval robe and badge of office, calls them to order by solemnly striking his staff of office on the oak floor. All stand and keep silence while the benchers make their entrance marching in procession, two by two in order of seniority. Only when "grace before meat" has been said can talk resume. Students might prefer less formality.

Dinners are entertaining and useful as a venue for the exchange of ideas between students. There are, of course, many other such venues and it seems unlikely that students would dine in half quite so often unless they had to.

As for the selection of benchers, no mention is made of this in the helpful information that the inns give to students. Perhaps it is about time there was. Perhaps it is time, too, that barristers of every inn were allowed to play a part in a public vote for those who should become benchers, instead of the rather secret, if not secretive, processes of the past still practised. • The author is the vice-president of

nance and industry, and a former

# Opening up the debate

he four inns of court are facing calls for a radical overhaul. Senior members of the profession, as well as distinguished outsiders such as Lord Benson, who chaired the Royal Commission on Legal Services more than a decade ago, have urged reform.

Such is the authority of the inns and the benchers that some critics will not be quoted. Yet there is support for change to modernise the way the inns are run and make them more accountable to the practising Bar.

The would-be reformers are concerned about the inns' administrative structure and the composition and election of their governing bodies. made up of benchers.

In December, Gareth Williams, QC, the new Bar chairman, told the Bar Council: "The benchers are not elected by the practising members. The system of selection is one which would have raised an eyebrow even in Renaissance Italy. At the very least, a substantial proportion of the benchers of every inn should be elected by practising members of the Bar in a secret ballot open to

all candidates." Mr Williams objects not only to the secret selection process. He also objects that so many benchers are judges. The number varies from inn to .nn but the smallest pro-

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portion, at Inner Temple, is 60 out of 140. He favours a revival of the old Serjeants Inn for judges.
"No profession is governed

in such a substantial part by people who are not members of the practising profession." Mr Williams says. He wants junior members of the Bar elected as benchers, as the barrister benchers are nearly always QCs, and perhaps half the benchers elected and others co-opted for particular

The inns have immense wealth because their properties are in a prime part of London. Their income, 90 per cent from letting the properties, comes largely from the practising profession. Until recently, rents were subsidised. The inns have now raised them to market levels, but, although they have maximised income. there is concern, as Lord Benson puts it, that "a severe

shortage of cash is looming". In Counsel magazine last July, Lord Benson set out radical reforms, needed, he and educate the profession, the purpose for which they hold their assets.

He said the Bar "cannot afford, and does not need, an expensive layer of administration between the governing body — the Bar Council and the members to whom it is responsible". The inns need

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argues, to modernise their properties. They also face the growing cost of recruitment. vocational training, payment of pupil barristers and contin-

uing education. Lord Benson says: "The government and the administration of the whole of the activities of the Bar [including the inns' assets] should be firmly placed where it properly belongs, which is in the hands of a restructured Bar Council. In turn, the functions of the inns will necessar-

ther criticisms have been raised. Richard Southwell, OC, a hen-Southwell, OC, a bencher of Inner Temple, has questioned whether the inn, as a charitable trust, should spend what we now spend on subsidising the meals of barristers and benchers".

He also questions whether the office of treasurer, the head of the inn elected every year, should not be a longerterm appointment and made earlier in barristers' careers... Not surprisingly, the inns resist the most radical of these proposals. They argue that much has been done in recent years to modernise and improve their administration and to co-ordinate their work. on recruitment, for instance. Cantain Patrick Sheehan, the Inner Temple sub-treasurer, the senior permanent official.

large sums of money, he says: "The cost of education is going to be a problem, although the costs are not quantified." The inns, he says, will have to cut their coat according to their cloth.

However, he does not accept that the inns should fall under the Bar Council's control. There is no evidence, he argues, that a more centralised organisation would achieve better results. There is also the danger that the Bar would lose the identity the inns give and become a large, amorphous body. He also argues that a wider

election process would involve members of the Bar voting for the governing body of an inn that they never used, because they were outside London, or knew little about. He and Rear-Admiral Rich ard Hill, the under-treasure of the Middle Temple, both say that removing judges from the inns governing body would remove expertise. The judges, they say, contribute in free time and from their experience. "The vast majority of our committees are indeed practising barristers." Admiral Hill says, "but we value the judges' wisdom."

A Bar working party will soon produce a report, "The Way Ahead", on the inns and how they should manage their resources. Reform is certain to follow.

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Justice Tasker Watkins as deputy to the Lord Chief Justice. Lord Lane created the post of deputy because of the work burden. Lord Justice Tasker Watkins may continue for a while to see Lord Justice Taylor into the job. However, he has great loyalty to the outgoing chief and may consider that a

equality to see that the group

seems to fall into the trap of

complete change is needed. only smacking children but ignoring or constantly criti-The 100 group cising them. This follows a government report on vio-THE first meeting of the lence in German society that London region's group of the recommended banning phys-Association of Women Soliciical punishment in the home. tors last month was attended by more than 100. However, **Deputy debate** it is worrying in these days of



stereotyping women professionals as power dressers gone mad by planning fashion evenings at Mondi and Aquascutum.

The group will also have a session on women in the judiciary, which sadly will not take long, given the paucity of women on the bench.

### All together

THE continuing lack of a proper conciliation and mediation service for divorcing couples has prompted several organisations, including the Solicitors' Family Law Association and the Family Law Bar Association, to join a forum aimed at working out a coordinated national service.

The forum proposes that existing services should be reviewed through the care and family hearing centres set up under the Children Act

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addam's soldiers had just torched the Kuwait oilfields a year ago, and the worst oil spill in history was spreading across the Gulf. Millions of guest workers thanked God they had escaped from the war zone alive, while wondering how they would survive after losing all they owned. The Iraqis had their meeting with cluster bombs on the Highway of Death. but no help was expected for the innocent injured.

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The damage could never be recompensed, it was said. Iraq was

In the days after the ground war ended, a simple argument surfaced: treat Iraq like any ordinary wrongdoer, and garnish, or seize, its liquid assets to pay compensa-tion to those it injured. Iraq had immense amounts of oil, which could be attached by the United Nations the way the court would attach a bank account. Iraq might be able to hide nuclear bomb factories in the hills, but its oil moved visibly to market by pipe-

Eleven months ago today the UN Security Council enacted a resolution based on that inelucta-ble fact. The UN created a scheme for war reparations from oil revenues, an unprecedented event, just 33 days after the Gulf war ended. Never before have war damages been exacted through due process of law by the world community.

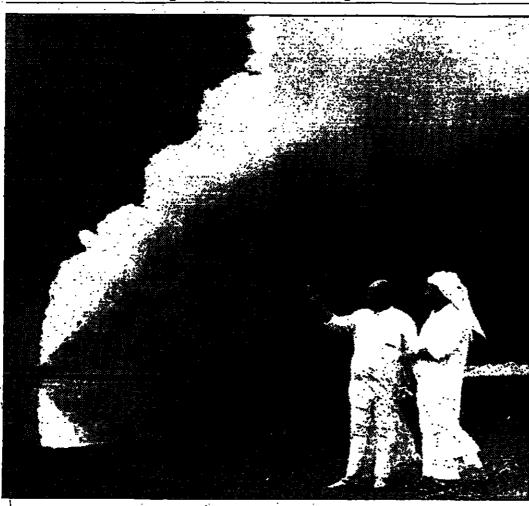
The UN set the percentage of oil to be taken by reference to the amount of oil proceeds spent by Iraq on civilian purposes. This was a subtle way of saying that the money spent in previous years on other than civilian needs, that is, on weapons, would now go to compensate people injured by those weapons.

A year ago, it would have been impossible to predict the speed with which the UN would tackle the peacetime task of turning the war reparations scheme into a reality, or the practicality and humanity that would guide them.

Yet, in a series of meetings that began only in August and is just about concluded, the fledgling UN Compensation Commission has already made the key decisions needed to flesh out the war claims programme, released the claims forms to member nations, and announced a deadline of July 1 for the first wave of claims for expedit-

Nearly 2,000 claim forms have already been received by Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Ofwhich expects 2,500 to

Jeffrey A. Jannuzzo and Richard J. Francis report on the United Nations' speedy action on compensation for victims



Saddam's destruction: only a year later the victims of the war can begin to file their claims

3,000 daims that it will have to forward to the commission.

Compare this speedy process with what happened after the two world wars. In the United States, for example, the war claims legislation after the second world war was not enacted until 1948.

The commission was not set up until 1949, and the term "war claim" was legally defined for the first time in 1950.

After the first world war, the American commission did not come into existence until October 1922. In Britain some second world war claims are still reportedly unresolved. Suez claims too are till under review.

The UN commission faced the vexing problem of writing fair rules for compensation that would affect people in a wide range of

nations with vastly different economies and legal systems, and for claims, from millions of people, on an unprecedented scale.

The UN commission appreciated that rough justice brought swiftly is superior to perfect justice that never comes. In the same series of meetings, from August to date, it was able to make decisions on fixed sums to award and simple methods of proof to apply to broad classes of claimants, achieving by political consensus solutions that could have occupied scholars and

The most troublesome category included the millions of guest workers who had fled Iraq or Kuwait during the war to return to the countries whose impoverishment had caused them to accept the overseas jobs in the first place.

judges for generations.

Under the simple consensus

solution these people had to prove they were there before the war and left after the invasion. They would then be entitled to at least a flat award of \$2,500 (£1,450). That may not sound much, unless you are a Filipino labourer trying to make a new start in Mindanao after losing everything.
Individuals can also submit

more extensively documented for forced departure, personal injury, property loss or a relative's death, for up to \$100,000 (£57,500), for expedited processing now, with the option of submitting an additional claim for a higher sum later.

Inevitably, applying general leg-islation — UN Resolution 687 to actual cases would create some conundrums. The commission-

first is the question of losses caused by compliance with the trade embargo the UN imposed on Iraq a few days after the invasion. The commission has not decided yet how to handle embargo claims. although it is rumoured to be willing to allow them only in limited circumstances.

The second issue involves reconciling the UN's prospective stewardship of Iraqi oil revenues into the next century with Iraq's obligations to its foreign creditors. To make the war reparations scheme work, the UN has decided to take custody of 100 per cent of Iraq's oil proceeds at the moment of every sale, and immunise them attachment in any country. The UN will deduct the 30 per cent to be set aside for the compensation scheme, and then deliver the rest to Baghdad, still immune from attachment by international claimants.

t the same time, the commission must also struggle with the commands of UN Resolution 687, prohibiting Iraq from repudiating its foreign debt, and ordering that fraq's payment of war losses must be "without prej-udice" to its pre-existing foreign

If the UN immunises the proceeds of all of Iraq's oil sales into the next century, how will the banks, contractors and suppliers make recoveries? A short-term solution is unlikely.

Meanwhile, the high-stakes waiting game continues. A country that made its living by oil exports has sold nothing in more than a year and a half, except for a trickle delivered overland by truck to Jordan. The injured cannot receive any money until Iraq begins to sell oil again.

It will take a long time for all the injured to receive compensation. A 30 per cent garnishment of Iraqi oil could generate £3.5 billion a year, but the total losses are estimated at about £50 billion Not everybody will be paid in full. but billions of pounds will be disbursed, and the injured will get back something for what they suffered. Measure that against what it looked like just a year ago

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# **Bargains with** best results

the guilty with speed, efficiency and certainty. This is why we should look again at plea-bargain-ing, which has two forms. One is the acceptance by the prosecutor, and sometimes the judge, of guilty pleas to offences less than those that have been or could be laid. The other is an arrangement by which the defendant knows what sentence is likely.

The first goes on every day in every criminal court and may happen before the case becomes effective in court. An informal nod from the defence solicitor will bring an agreed plea to assault causing actual bodily harm, so that the more serious charge of grievous bodily harm is not made. When the case is listed, the same

thing happens. A defendant offers guilty pleas, the prosecutor drops more serious charges and time and money are saved. Then there are the offences that the defendant admits though he has not been formally charged with them, and which he asks the court to consider when sentencing. The advantage to the defendant is that he will not be prosecuted later for them. The advantage to prosecution and police is that the offences become detected crimes in the

If the case gets to the crown court, The true basis the same happens. of discount is The charge is murder. There are extenuating circumconfession stances. There may be a reasonable de-

fence of provoca-tion, which would reduce the charge to manslaughter. There may be a self-defence, which means acquittal. Both sides welcome a guilty plea to manslaughter. Murder carries only one sentence — life imprisonment. For manslaughter a judge can give probation or a conditional discharge. Most judges prefer to be consulted on the agreement, but there is nothing to force a prosecutor to go on with a murder charge.

There are three particular advantages to plea-bargaining as it is at present. It saves time and money.All defendants pleading guilty are entitled to expect a discount on the sentence. Much more importantly, there is an identifiable public benefit in the acceptance of criminal responsibility. The public interest is served by the acceptance of guilt. The

n important aim of the criminal justice system should be the conviction of they know that a guilty plea is tives and witnesses is lessened if they know that a guilty plea is coming.

The true basis of discount for plea is unambiguous confession. not saving of time or cost.

There are many further advantages for the defendant. The witnesses do not give evidence. The judge tends not to be as affected when he reads written statements. The opportunity for skilful investigations is lost or lessened. The danger of conviction for a more serious offence is fixed — life for murder, for instance -- release on licence may be brought forward, either because of the judge's private letter to the Home Office, or because a guilty plea is recorded in Home Office files. The plainest case is murder

plea-bargained down to manslaughter, but there are many others. A plea-bargain from causing grievous bodily harm with intent down to grievous bodily harm will cut sentence, often by

The defendant often wants and may need certainty, the ability to put his affairs in order, the knowledge that he can wipe the slate clean and a reasonable idea of what will happen to him.

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This change has become

must be run as a business.

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# Doorman given key to justice

the Bar Council is not a body strongly associated in the public's mind with the relief of poverty. Yet the Free Representation Unit. which receives more than half of its funding from the Bar Council. should go some way towards promoting a more altruistic

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The unit obtained charitable status for the relief of poverty in 1987. It offers legal representations before industrial, social security and increasingly immigra-tion tribunals where there is no legal aid available.

Bill, not his real name, a former police-force driver trained at Hendon, was glad of the FRU's services. He spent more than two years as a uniformed commissioner doorman at Harrods, where he was employed to help customers entering and leaving the store. One of the services he carried out for customers was parking their cars, even though this was prohibited in his contract.

However, he and most other commissioners had followed this practice for some time. It was believed that the management knew or should have known what

Then came the fateful day when Bill, while trying to park a customer's car, ended up causing damage to three cars. Harrods footed the £12,000. Bill was not covered by insurance.

He was immediately suspended. hile still in a state of shock. The following day he was summarily dismissed. He was 59.

Unable to get legal aid, Bill was referred to the unit by his local citizens' advice bureau. FRU's objective, as case worker Michael Lamb explained, is to help in cases

With the help of Mr Lamb, Bill

succeeded in bringing a claim for

unfair dismissal against his for-Mr Lamb comments: "FRU mer employer. The tribunal found aims to provide its clients with the quality of legal advice and repre-sentation they would receive if they that Harmds had failed to carry out any proper investigation into the extent to which Bill was to had sufficient means to instruct a

He was found to have been unfairly dismissed, and was awarded £6,000. Later, he found a job as a taxi driver. The Free Representation Unit started life 13 years ago in a cramped room in Middle Temple,

close to the High Court in London. It has now moved to more spa-cious and modern rooms in Gray's

Inn. The unit now has two fulltime staff and one part-time worker.

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The staff rely on a corps of about hundred volunteers, who share the caseload. The majority of these volunteers are junior barristers in the process of completing their

vocational training, others are students at the Inns of Court School of Law.

Volunteers are trained in two allday sessions. In addition, each volunteer must second a case with a senior representative. Once the case is completed, the trainee must submit a written opinion covering all its important points. All case workers are bound by the Bar's code of conduct when acting for a

nstead of taking cases directly from the public, the Free Representation Unit operates on a system of referral from citizens' advice bureaux, law centres and high-street solicitors. Part of the FRU's funding comes from the annual agency fees paid by these bodies

Mr Lamb comments: "FRU does not operate a means test in respect of people referred to it. It relies on those referring the cases

to carry out the vetting. "However, the organisation still reserves the right to turn cases down if the applicant is obviously well off."

The unit's annual report reveals an impressive record. In the year to December 1991, the FRU was referred a total of 1,805 cases, well up on the 1.367 cases referred to it in the previous year.

The Free Representation Unit has had a number of notable successes in past years. Recently, it succeeded in winning political refugee status for a Sunni Muslim from the Lebanon. In addition, it has twice taken cases to the Court of Appeal in the past three

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Court of Appeal

# County's failure over Gypsy sites

ough Council v Brown and

Mole Valley District Council v Smith and Others Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment February 27] The failure of a county council to discharge its duty under the Caravan Sites Act 1968 to provide adequate accommodation for Gypsies residing in or resorting to its area was not a ground for refusing a district council within that county an injunction to enforcement notice requiring spe-cific Gypsies to discontinue the use of a caravan site which they

owned in the green belt. The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing appeals by (i) the defendants, Mr Benjamin Brown. Mr Albert Eastwood and Mr Caleb Jones, from Sir Michael Ogden, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on May 21. 1991, had granted Reigate and Banstead Borough Council an dants from using their land "Crosswinds". Collendean Lane. Horsehills, Norwood Hill, Surrey to station caravans and/or mobile homes: and (ii) by the defendants. Mr Henry Smith, Mr Albert Smith and Mr William Smith, from Mr Justice Hoffmann who on June 21, 1991 had granted

Evergreens", Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey.

Mr David Friedman, QC and Mr Alan Masters for defendants in the first action; Mr Patrick Clarkson, QC and Mr Marc Willers for the defendants in the second action: Mr Gerard Rvan. QC and Mr Timothy Comyn for

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was common ground that the defendants were Gypsies for the purposes of the 1968 Act. In each case the council had issued enforcement notices requiring the removal of caravans and mobile homes which the defendants had stationed on their own land in the Green Belt. The defendants had failed to comply with the notices, despite having been convicted and fined for breaches and the councils had brought proceedings for injunc-

The defendants had a legiti-mate grievance, in that Surrey County Council was in breach of its duty under section 6 of the 1968 Act to provide adequate accommodation for Gypsies gen-erally but neither the county council nor the plaintiff councils owed any duty to the defendants personally to provide them with

The problem ms confronting the defendants and the councils were social in nature and fell to be solved in the context of town and country planning policies. Those were matters ultimately for the secretary of state, not for the

court to review the plaintiff coun-cils' decisions under section 222 1972 to bring the proceedings on the basis that it was "expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants" of their areas: where the balance of the local public interest lay was for

the councils to determine.

The defendants said that they were willing to move to an authorised site as soon as one became available. It was no defence to a claim for an injunction in support of the criminal law for the defendant to say that he would comply with the law if he were offered an inducement acceptable to him.

Although the criminal penalties

available were potentially power-ful, it was not the law that an injunction would not issue if the criminal courts could have but to the full extent. That was this case: the £10 fine imposed by the crown court on the defendants in amounted to an open invitation to them to continue to break the law. The defendants, bar one, had demonstrated beyond peradven ture that they would continue to flout every means of planning control and method of enforcement unless and until restrained by injunction. The case for injunc-tive relief was overwhelming.

> JUSTICE BALCOMBE, concurring, said that the main issue was whether the county council's failure to discharge its duty should affect

The defendants had contended that no injunction should be granted or the operation of any injunction should be suspended, until the county council provided

sufficient caravan sites for the use of Gypsies. That was equivalent to saying that the delendants should be granted temporary planning per-mission for the use of their land pending the availability of suf-ficient authorised sites. That was a policy decision for the planning authorities and even temporary permission had been refused by the secretary of state.

The court was being asked to reverse the decisions of the authorities to which Parliament had entrusted the relevant decision on the ground not of illegality but of policy. That was

The defendant as individuals had no enforceable rights against either the county council or the plaintiff councils. In effect the defendants were asking the court to put indirect pressure on the county council to comply with its statutory duty by withholding the remedy which the plaintiff courcils were otherwise entitled to expect. That would not be a legitimate exercise of the court's Lord listice Strart-Smith

agreed. Solicitors: Atkins Hope, South Norwood; Atkins Hope, South Norwood; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Edward Goring, Reigate and Mr Robert Burn, Dorking.

# Assessing fatal damages

Wood v Bentall Simplex Ltd Before Lord Justice Fox. Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Beldam

Dudgment February 27] In assessing damages in a claim brought by a dependant under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976, as amended by the Administration of Justice Act 1982, it was irrelevant that there might be established a loss from one source which might be made good from another by using a benefit from the deceased's estate, since section 4 required the court to disregard those benefits accruing to the dependents from the estate.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing the appeal of Bentall Simplex Ltd against the judgment of Mr Justice Leonard on April 27. 1989, awarding Linda Mary Wood the sum of £224.593 in her of Roger Wood for her benefit and for the benefit of her two children

under the 1976 Act. Mr Bernard Livesey, QC, for the appellant; Mr Roger Hetherington for Mrs Wood.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM ri berrupo trebinos na tadi bias February 1983 at Land Farm. Hewish, near Weston-super-Mare on the lamily farm in which the deceased was a partner.

A farm employee, having en-tered an underground tank, part of a siurry storage system, to retrieve a core valve, was overcome by lack of oxygen and fell back into the tank. The deceased went to his rescue but was also overcome. Both died from asphyxia due to lack of oxygen probably as a result of gases in the

The farm was run by the deceased and his brother efficiently and successfully as a dairy farm and had begun to diversify into beef production. The deceased was an experienced farmer and the profits were

shared equally between him, the brother and their parents.

from the concentration of gases. The appellant contended that the amount calculated as the loss

Moreover, Mr Livesev submit 3 and 4 of the 1976 Act together

enefit actually lost. The dependency of the widow and sons was assessed at £14.211. and of course the capital value of the assets had been substantially improved as a result of the decrased ploughing back into the partnership a substantial share of

ments after the death, the widow received an income of approxi-mately £5,000 per annum which the appellant submitted should be the appellant subdeducted pound for pound from the agreed dependency so that the total award should be reduced by

£95.000.

The judge found that the ac-cident was solely the fault of the appellant, the manfacturers of a tem for collection and storage He found was that the deceased

did not know, nor should be as a reasonably prudent farmer have appreciated at that time, the risk

to the deceased's widow and two sons, as dependants, should be reduced by taking into account the income from assets which ed to them on the intestacy of the deceased and as a result of his

ted, the court should read sections so that the court's first task was to assess the damages proportional to the injury resulting from the death. The Act, as amended, had not altered the court's fundamental task of awarding damages based on the pecuniary

the profits. At the death the value of the fixed and current assets was £597,503 of which £214,096 was

been found in practice to be more

ment of loss of pecuniary benefit

During the last 100 years certain benefits accruing as a result of a deceased's death had on the ground of policy gradually been excluded from being taken into account against the expectation of pecuniary benefit, for example, life assurance benefor example, life assurance bene-

In the present case, the depen dants enjoyed not only the expectation of pecuniary benefit m the labour and work which the deceased put into the family farm but were also able to rely i necessary on the increasing value, as a result of the deceased's hard work, of the family assets, although tied up in the farming

The appellant's assertion was come from assers which in the deceased's lifetime were employed in the farming enterprise and that they had not lost that income as the assets continued to be so used

However, to make good the claim that the dependency on which the award was based alrepresented a return on the assets employed in the enterprise was a difficult task and had never been The background to the amend

the recommendations of the Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury (1978 Cmrd 7054-1), inter alia, one that all benefits derived from the deceased's estate should be excluded as deductions from the damages received under the Act.

On the facts of the present case. section 4 of the 1976 Act, as amended, required the benefits accruing to the dependants from the deceased's estate to be dis-regarded, whether at the stage the

and that the load only left the

vehicle because it had struck the

bridge. They were of the opinion.

however, that the requirement to

court first ascertained the exten of the injury to the dependants from the death, or at the stage the damages to be awarded were assessed: Auty v National Coal Board [1985] 1 WLR 784. 805). Lord Justice Fox agreed.

STAUGHTON said that there was no doubt that the law, to some extent, allowed greater damages to be awarded under the 1976 Act

than a strict view of the depen-dants loss would justify: Stanley v Saddique ([1992] 1 QB 1, 10). However, before one considered deductions under section 4, the court had to determine what loss the dependants had suffered and, if they had inherited the source of the income on which

they were dependent, they had not In the case where the income was in part derived from labour and in part from capital, the court and how much of the deceased's

income was derived solely from capital which the dependants had In the present case there was no adequate answer. If there had been evidence as to what the

deceased was capable of earning without capital and if that had been less than his actual income from the farm, his Lordship would have been prepared to service the difference to a return inherited and the award would was no such evidence. The sums which the widow and

sons were receiving did not show how much of the deceased's estimated income would have been derived otherwise than from his ability to work. There was probably some element of return on capital but a very small

Solicitors: Vizards: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave,

# Surrender releases intermediate assignee

Before Judge Paul Baker, QC Undoment February 17

A landlord, by accepting the surrender of a lease from the occupying assignee and releasing him from all his obligations under the lease in return for the handing had effectively released intermediate assignces from their direct covenant given to the landlord to pay the rent and to observe the covenants of the lease.

Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting

as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held in proceedings by Deanplan Ltd against Mr Salah Mahmoud, as first defendant, and C. T. (London) Ltd as second defendant, in respect of a lease of factory premises granted

Mrs Constance Whippman for Deanpian; Mr Nicholas Harrison for C. T. (London) Ltd.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the issue was whether an original lessee or an intermediate assignee of a lease who had given a direct. covenant to pay the rent and observe the covenants was re-leased from liability following an agreement between the lessor and an occupying assignee of the lease under which the lessor took a surrender of the lease and some of the assignee's goods in return for relieving the assigee from all claims under the lease.

In short did the release by accord and satisfaction of one

Deamplan Ltd v Mahmond enantors undertaking the same obligation? The issue appeared to be novel so far as researches by counsel showed. The facts were not in dispute to any significant

> In 1972, the plaintiff, Deanplan Ltd, demised a factory unit on an industrial estate at Enfield, to the original lessee for 20 years at an initial yearly rent of £3,850, but in 1974 the lease was again assigned under licence to C. T. (London) Ltd, which entered into a direct covenant with Deamplan to pay the rent and the

Under a further licence in 1986

the lease was assigned to Mr Mahmoud, the first defendant. Mr Mahmond was not a satisfac-tory tenant and fell into arrears. Eventually Deamplan distrained for arrears of rent alleged to amount to £17,866, but only succeeded in recovering £309. Mr Mahmoud signed a document dated March 2, 1988, whereby he urrendered the lease in consideration of Deanplan accepting the goods set out in an inventor "in full and final settlement of all claims and demands against me under the terms of the lease and specified in the notice of distress

dated March 2, 1988". Deamplan then demanded the balance of the outstanding rent from C. T. (London) Ltd., but the letter claiming the money did not disclose that there had been a release of all claims against Mr Mahmoud. On that basis a compromise was reached between Deanplan and C. T. (London) Ltd by which the latter paid Deamplan

£18,000, which it sought to re-cover from Mr Mahmoud under a covenant for indemnity contained in the assignment to him. C. T. (London) Ltd counterclaimed for rescission of the compromise and reysyment of the £18,000, on the basis of

After amendments to the counterclaim, allowed on the first day of the hearing. Deanplan conceded that the compromise should be set aside, leaving as the sole issue, whether the agreement with Mr Mahmoud of March 2, 1988, was a defence to the claim for the balance as against C. T. (London) Ltd.

After referring to Baynton v Morgan ((1888) 22 QBD 74); Matthey v Curling (1922) 2 AC 180); House Property and Invest-ment Co Ltd v Bernardout [1948] 1 KB 314); Warnford Investments Ltd v Duckworth [1979] Ch 127); Allied London Investments Ltd v Hambro Life Assurance Ltd ((1983) 269 EG 41); Selous Street Properties Ltd v Oronel Fabrics Ltd ([1984] 270 EG 643); Watters v Smith ([1831) 2 B & Ad 889); Nicholson v Revill ((1836) 4 Ad & E 675); North v Wakefield ((1849) 13 QB 536); Ex parte Good, In re Armitage (1877) 5 ChD 46); and In m. E. W. A. (a. Debtor) (1901) 2 KB 642), his Lordship drew the following conclusions:

1 A release of one joint contractor released the other; there was only one obligation. The release might be under seal or by accord and

contractors and its effect was a question of construction in the light of surrounding

2 The same principles applied to a contract between the creditor and ontract between the creditor and one of joint and several debtors. If one joint and several covenantor was released by accord and satisfaction all were released. Where the obligations were nonof each was to perform in so far as it had not been performed by any other party, the acceptance of some of the performance in lieu of the promised performance re-lieved the other. The covenantee could not have both the promised performance and some other performance which he had agreed to accept; otherwise the co-covenamors could claim commbution or indemnity, which would be a breach of contract with the

released covenantor. 3 A similar reasoning applied to the case of a number of separate covenantors each liable to perform the same obligation, as in

The present case would seem to be a clear case of accord and satisfaction. The agreement contained no words of reservation of rights against other parties. Nor was there anything to rebut the prima facie meaning of the

Mr Mahmoud was not a bankrupt when he signed the document and was open to a claim to indemnity, which had in fact been was not in a position to resist both the seizure of all his goods under a distress and forfeiture of the lease with no practical possibility of If the landlords had chosen to

act in that way, the liability of C. T. (London) Ltd for the balance of the rent could not be resisted. The landlord, however, did not choose to press his rights in that way but chose to bargain with Mr Mahmoud and he had to accept the consequences of that: it was no good his saying that he never intended to release his rights against C. T. (London) Ltd. against whom the claim would be

Solicitors Mr B. Erlich, Walthamstow, Rowe & Maw.

### His Lordship said that no espect of the law of damages had

Walker-Trowbridge Ltd and Another v Director of Public Before Lord Justice Nolan and

Mr Justice Jowitt [Judgment February 10] In considering whether a load had been adequately secured to a vehicle so as not to cause danger to people or property, it was necessary to consider the position-

ing of the load, the weather and the road conditions, including the clearance below any bridges on the route and not just the actual securing of the load.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an

appeal by way of case stated of Walker-Trowbridge Ltd, the owners of the vehicle, and Roy Field, the driver of the vehicle, against their conviction by West Sussex Justices for an offence contrary to section 42(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and regulation 100(2)

Route factors relevant to safe load of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (SI 1986 No 1078).

Regulation 100 of the 1986 Regulations provides: "(2) The load carried by a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times be so secured ... and be in such a position, that neither danger nor musance is likely to be caused to any person or property by reason of the load or any part thereof falling or being blown from the

Mr Mark Lyne for the appellants; Mr James Turner for the

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that the vehicle had been carrying two large vats. The vehicle had driven under a pedestrian bridge and one of the vats had been knocked off the vehicle. The justices had found that

secure a load included the process of deciding the way in which that load was to be placed on the The appellants had submitted that no breach of regulation 100(2) had taken place as the load

had not fallen off because the strapping was inadequate but only because it had been knocked off by the bridge. It was argued that "falling" in regulation 100(2) did not include being knocked off. In the court's judgment, some-thing "feil" whether it fell because it was not securely strapped to a vehicle or because it had been knocked off a vehicle.

In deciding whether a load was so secured that neither danger nor nuisance was likely to be both vats had been adequately secured to the vehicle by straps things, the nature of the journey,

secured, the way in which the load

What might be secure for one journey in fine weather and on good roads might not be secure for another journey in poor wea-ther and on less good roads.

One could not simply look at the securing of the load in the abstract. The question to be asked was whether, in the conditions, danger was likely to be caused.

When one looked at the route raken then danger had been inevitable because the load had been too high to go under the bridge. In those circumstances the load had not been so secured that neither danger nor nuisance

Lord Justice Nolan agreed. Solicitors: George Coleman & Son, Haywards Heath; CPS,

# Appealing out of time to disqualify director

Official Receiver v Nixon

On an application for leave to apply out of time for a dis-qualification order against a director under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, the court would adopt the same approach to the strength of the applicant's case as on any other application for leave to initiate proceedings out of time. If satisfied that he had a fairly arguable case the court would not

refuse leave on the ground of lack of evidence.
In considering whether to refuse leave on the ground of delay, the court would take into

account the length of and reasons for the delay, the strength of the case against the director and the degree of prejudice caused to him by the delay.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice

art-Smith) so held on February 11, dismissing an appeal by Mr David Henry Nixon from Mr Justice Vincion who on April 26, 1991 had dismissed his appeal from Mr Registrar Buckley's refusal to revoke an ex parte order made in the Plymouth District granting the official receiver leave graphy out of time for a disqualification order against him under section 6 of the 1986-

an abuse of the process of the

# Registrar's view irrelevant

Regina v Ashton-under-Lyne Justices, Ex parte Mottram and Another

The fact that a registrar, when making a disqualification order under section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986, had expressed a view that the person disqualified had not been dishonest was irrelevant when considering whether his subsequent committed for trial on offences involving dishonesty was

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Nolan and Mr Justice Jowitt) so stated on February 14 dismissing an application by Anthony Stuart Mottram and Marcus Gordon for an order quashing the decision of Ashton-under-Lyne Justices to accept jurisdiction and to commit the applicants for trial on charges of, inter alia, fraudulent trading and false accounting.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that the fact that the registrar, at a hearing on affidavit, had made no finding on dishonesty and had exonerated the applicants in that pect was irrelevant.

Either there was evidence of dishonesty and, when the matter came to trial, a jury would convict or there was not and a jury would

# Only one word too many

Regina v Kennett

A direction to a jury that a relevant only to his credibility was not appropriate, even though only usual direction.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Swin-ton Thomas and Mr Justice Garland) so stated on February 20 in allowing an appeal by Bradley Reece Kennett against his conviction in November 1990 at Maidstone Crown Court (Mr Recorder Nelson, QC) of handling stolen goods.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND. giving the judgment of the court.

## said that the trial judge directed the jury that "the good character

his credibility". But in a case of that nature, where stolen goods had been found on the property of one defendant, which property was under the control of defendant for much of the material time, and where each

of a defendant is relevant only to

was crucial. The word "only" should not have been added to the direction and the second limb of the direction, as to the defendant's likelihood of offending, should have been given.

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responsible, the issue of credibility

Neil Harris explains how the Criminal Justice Act will change the role of those who look after offenders

# **Penalty goal** for probation officers

1991, which will be implemented next October, is radically changing the work of probation officers. Keeping all but the most serious offenders out of prison and introducing a broader range of penalties through the courts, which probation officers must supervise. will increase their workload. The act will also change the role of ufficers, lead to more recruitment and changes in training.

The work of probation officers covers many activities. They prepare reports for magistrates' and Crown courts on the background, character and attitude of offenders, and sometimes recommend which penalties best suit a

particular case.

An offender under a probation order will see a probation officer regularly. The purpose is to discuss the offender's crime, assess its effects, tackle the problems that underlie it, and try to change their behaviour and help them to make

ity. Probation officers have to en-

the Criminal Justice Act sure the orders of the court are carried out. If their "clients" go to prison, they keep in touch with both them and their families while the sentence is being served.

When prisoners are discharged on parole, the probation service has to supervise them. As officers of the court, members of the service have the difficult task of reconciling their roles of advising, assisting and befriending offenders with that of applying the court's decisions.

Under the new act, probation orders will become a sentence of the court and may be combined with a whole range of other punishments, such as community service work, confinement to hostels at certain times and attendance at day centres. The role of probation officers is now being extended to include the supervision of a wider

range of punishments. Supervising offenders to carry out the court's orders is not an easy task. There are more than 7,000 probation officers in England and Wales in 56 local areas administered by local authority probation committees. Every year, the Home



Welcoming the Act that will widen probation work: Tony Vass of Middlesex Polytechnic

Office sponsors about 300 people to start training, which usually lasts two years and leads to the certificate of qualification in social work. This is gradually being replaced by the Diploma in Social

Preparation includes probation studies, criminology, the law and psychology, and trainees are given two practice placements in such areas as prisons, probation offices and social services departments.

Aspiring probation officers are usually expected to have gained relevant experience in a role that develops their awareness of social

The Home Office, however, is already aware that the initial training that probation officers receive is insufficient for the role they are having to perform. The department is considering the setting up of specialist courses of continuing professional development, and plans are in hand to develop new systems of in-service

At present, Home Office-sponsored trainees receive a grant of between £7,851 and £9,177, plus allowances. Salary on first pointment is about £14,055, depending on age, and rises to £17,928 in the main grade, which includes 80 per cent of the profession. Unlike many careers where entrants are considered too old as

they approach 30, this is one where manure people are welcome - most trainees are aged between

Harry Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Officers, says: "Probation officers are concerned about the implementation of the Criminal Justice Act and the degree to which it will change their job. It will create new penalties, including electronic

tagging.
"Courts will be able to combine probation with a range of other measures, including fines, suspended sentences, compulsory community service and insistence that offenders live in a hostel.

"Just as with the introduction of schools, the Home Office is laying down national standards in an attempt to control the probation service. There are now set standards for report writing, day centres, hostels, probation supervi-sion and discharged prisoners, which take away much of the discretion probation officers once

Dr Tony Vass, the head of social work at Middlesex Polytechnic, disagrees. "The act should be welcomed for trying to do many of the things for which social workers ave been calling for a long time." he says. "The legislation is a constructive effort to push forward

■ Information: Probation Service Division. Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SWI H9AT (071-273 3122). A useful booklet, Face to Face, and a list of courses (leaflet SP2) are also available from same address

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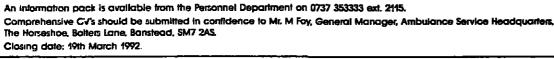
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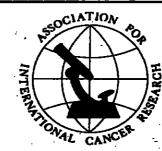
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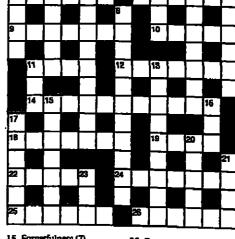
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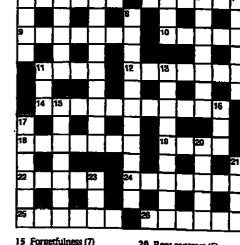


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# A Euro at the Expo

Tom Walker flies from Brussels to Seville and finds the Expo is still a building site

t is with satisfaction and joy that I give you something for the world, something for humanity," enthuses Jean Dondelinger, European Community culture commissioner. He is sitting at a makeshift podium in a subterranean concrete bunker somewhere on an island in the Guadalquivir river, which bisects Seville, home of Expo '92.

Before they began building Expo, in the summer of 1990, the island had been inhabited by a flock of sheep and a handful of monks. There are still another six weeks to go before Expo opens but at the moment, on balance, it has to be said that the island's former residents were probably a more pleasing spectacle.

There's something rather risky in flying a group of 60 journalists. plus assorted EC officials and secretaries, on a free junket to see a building site over a thousand miles away. That risk is all the more acute if you are a relatively unknown Commissioner, whose only prominent dossiers are high definition television (HDTV in Eurojargon) and a directive that could have forced Britain to return the Elgin marbles to Greece. (For the record, the Elgin marbles will not be on display at Expo '92, but HDTV will be, in a pavilion all of its own.)

Signs of trouble ahead are only too apparent right from take off very early in the morning at Brussels's Zaventem airport. It transpires that no one in fact knows what the Commissioner, a 61-year-old judge from Luxem-bourg, looks like: strategies for recognition vary from the old football anthem, "Dondo. Dondo give us a wave", to a complicated sweepstake targeting the dignitaries at the front of the plane.

Suddenly, however, at about 20,000 feet over the Pyrenees, M Dondelinger, resplendent in a slightly too racy red scarl, stands up and gives a speech. "Europe has known exhibitions since the century began ... just like the Olympics ..." The effect is not electrifying but amidst the polite applause at least we now know

who the team skipper is.

Brussels to Seville takes about three hours by plane. At Seville coaches, which immediately transfer us into a Seville traffic jam. One and a half hours later and we are at the building site, and one and a half hours after arrival we are in the bunker, with the Commissioner. After another rousing speech (his third of the morning, in fact) M Dondelinger is succeeded by Sr Emilio Cassinello Auban, the Spanish commissioner general for Expo,



"Fragile communion": Ludmila Tcherina with her sculpture "Europe at Heart", specially commissioned for the 1992 Expo

who has to skirt round some nasty questions.

Charges that hotels and restaurants have doubled their prices for the event are dismissed as a "statistical perversion". Apparently there are "100,000 beds within one and half kilometres' radius" of the site, and then a baffling array of entry prices are detailed, including a 10.000 peseta ticket that would admit one for all 176 days of Expo. a somewhat strange

During that time, from April 20 to October 12, the organisers are hoping to attract 18 million visitors, which would allow the event to break even. This is a statistic the locals in Seville are a little wary of: a special tax to pay for the last Expo hosted by the city, in 1929, only ceased five years ago.

The concrete bunker, it turns out, is the European Community pavilion, no less. When complete it will be capped by a sculpture, Europe at Heart created by the former ballerina Ludmila Tcheritem of release, the culture Commissioner himself puts pen to paper and describes the somewhat erotic fusion of two bodies as "the fragile communion between others and ourselves as it continues its ineluctable path". A few paragraphs later M Dondelinger sums up: 'Europe may have its strategists, Art may have its critics, but Man alone has emotion. May I take this opportunity to thank Ludmila

Tcherina for having taken this risk

concerning Europe at Heart." The last question in the press conference is hijacked by an architect involved in the bunker's construction: why are we not asking questions about the "poetry and rhythms" of Expo, he asks in despair. A press release from a London-based design company. Imagination, explains that the bunker "communicates at an emotional and inspirational level". But alas, not gastronomic. At last we are bussed off to lunch, at the mysteriously named World Trade Centre just near the southern

entrance to Expo.

he Expo junket dips further into the surreal in the partially alcohol-induced haze of the Seville afternoon. At one stage we appear trapped in the construction maelstrom all around: the Commissioner, relaxing with his pipe, has to climb a gravel heap to avoid the crush and fumes of passing dump-er trucks. And all to no avail, for the monorail, eagerly anticipated by all, has broken down, and we are herded on to the bus once again by our hostesses, easily recognised by their distinctive headgear, a sort of cross between a grapefruit and a deflated football. Explanation (according to the Expo '92 press dossier, 400-odd puzzling pages): the grapefruit-like object is in fact "a red globe covered by a network of yellow

lines. Meridians and parallels are the symbols of the voyages of discovery since 1492."

And so round and round Expo's 215 hectares we go, our game but slightly inadequate interpreter falling completely out of synch with the 95 pavilions, or 94, as Expo's pride and joy, the Spanish "Discovery" pavilion, has just burnt down. Never once is this setback mentioned. But we see the real reason for hosting Expos: a desperate attempt to draw cash to a poor area. Hence Sony are building the largest television in the world here, and Nestle are building an Expo creche. Altogether the national and corporate investment coming into Expo has enabled the Andalucian authorities to gamble on building a new motorway, high-speed train link, an airport extension and eight new bridges over the Guadalquivir river. About 30 per cent of the pavilions will remain, some of them to be used as office space,

others as museums. Whether Seville of thing together remains to be seen. As we trundle round in the bus it seems a tall order; life has a different pace in southern Europe and builders doze in the sun or lie comatose over the steering wheels of their dumper trucks. An Italian colleague assures me that all will be well: "It was like this with the World Cup. One week before, and nothing was ready, we had no stadiums, no hotels. But when it started, everything just seemed OK. I'm an Italian; I know." There's nothing recent to compare Expo to in Europe; the last Expo on the continent was in Brussels. in 1958, which left Belgium with

the dubious legacy of the In the evening we find ourselves in another traffic jam; one hour from hotel to restaurant in February does not bode well for the summer. But we also see the beauty of the other Seville: the mixture of Roman. Arab and Christian architecture, the Triana quarter and the Torre del Orco. Jean Dondelinger's press confer-

ences seem a world away.

Indeed, the following day the
Commissioner has disappeared, airlifted to Albertville and another high definition television presentation. Another press conference is laid on, the Andalucian authorities wanting to tell us how they will spend the 2,983 billion ecus they receive from the EC over four

with magnificent, spaghetti-westem panoramas over the rolling orange orchards 20 minutes outside the city before being returned to the airport. One of our charming Spanish hostesses gives me the geranium from her hair, and tells us all to come back and see the real thing. Where will she be? Jean Dondelinger has the last laugh: she will be in the high definition television pavilion.

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### THEATRE

# Grey walls, one flaw

King Lear Kammerspiele, Munich

IN REHEARSAL for almost a year. Dieter Dorn's new produc-tion of King Lear is five and a half hours long, with a single interval after the third hour. Notices in the foyer warn about the length of the play as though it were some kind of health hazard for actors and audience alike.

In the event, the play moves at a lively pace, with scarcely a beat between one scene and the next. and far fewer moments of duliness than in many shorter evenings at the theatre. This is an intelligent, perceptive production of King Lear, well acted and ingeniously staged -- but with one fatal weakness at its centre. Some clues to the general tone of

the production are apparent even before the play begins. Jürgen Rose's set is a deep bare rectangle with grey walls and ceiling covered in heavy duty plastic sheeting and more than a dozen doors opening in different directions, some swinging together, others de-scending like a drawbridge. Three or four tough, heavily built men, their faces covered in yellow balaclavas, patrol the periphery like bouncers or secret security men preparing for a big event, exuding

an air of controlled aggression. Lear's kingdom is a brutal and terrified place in which subjects and family prostrate themselves physically before their ruler, where power is subject to abrupt shifts and in which men of consequence employ private armies of thugs to protect their security. Rolls of carpet lean against walls or lie scattered on the floor for use as chairs and tables, reinforcing an impression of the kingdom as a house under renovation as Lear

transfers power to his daughters. Rolf Boysen's Lear appears in the first scene as a petulant, spoilt tyrant, rewarding each flattering daughter with a piece of carpet in the shape of her share of the kingdom. His intemperate outburst when Cordelia refuses to cooperate in his game is heard in



Foolish devotion: Stefani Jarke (Cordelia) and Rolf Boysen (Lear)

embarrassed silence; as are his banishment of Kent and his later outpouring of venom against Goneril when she denies him his hundred knights. Lear's daughters have listened

to their father's poisonous, hatefilled speeches all their lives, an experience which has marked each of them differently. Gisela Stein's Goneril is at a loss to understand her own feelings, yearning for emotional completeness but almost wholly incapable of physical affection. Franziska Walser's Regan is an excitable neurotic married to a born bullyboy who thinks of her as little more than a tiresome but valuable possession. Stefani Jarke's Cordelia, her hair cropped, is frozen in childhood and in a foolish devo-

tion to her father. An atmosphere of violence is present throughout the play, with even the scene changes conducted with a nervy aggression, and the blinding of Gloucester executed with unusual bloodiness. It is a world of oppressors, victims and fellow travellers in which Michael

Von Au's Edmund is a charmingly candid opportunist, full of scorn for tradition and authority and despising his father's regard for it.

Dieter Dorn directs the play with great imagination and sensi-tivity, patiently untangling each problem in the text and illuminating the sense of history in every relationship. The production is not, however, a success and its failure is mainly due to Rolf Boysen's performance as Lear.

Boysen is a fine actor and he plays the king with a thoughtful, coherent elegance; but he lacks the vocal range and the emotional depth to sustain a play on this scale. What is missing is that quality Kent identifies in Lear. authority. Without it, the trag-

Boysen is not helped by a fussy, soulless performance by Heinz Bennent as the Fool with every line accompanied by a flurry of jaded gestures, obscuring Lear's only sane. successful relationship.

**DENIS STAUNTON** 

# When Italians were romantic

An exhibition in Milan reflects the current interest in early 19th-century Italian painting

orks by early 19th-century Italian artists are suddenly catching the attention of collectors and showing an upturn in market prices. Marking this revival of interest in neo-classic and romantic works is an exhibition "The Early 1800s in Italy", which has just opened in

"This period is to the 19th century what post-modernism is to the 20th," says Renato Barilli, the exhibition curator and author of the show catalogue. "It is eclectic and has one foot in the past and another in the future."

More than 200 works by 40 artists are on display in the city's Palazzo Reale. Paintings whose grand scale is matched by their heroic subjects and solemn historical events, reveal the spirit of the period. In Italy, Andrea Appiani was the torch-bearer of the neoclassic style that surged out of the French Revolution and then came to represent Napoleon's aspirations. Napoleon, who had already nominated David as first painter in France, gave Appiani the title of

the King's artist in Italy". The best fresco painter of his lay, Appiani followed the prevailng taste for Greek and Roman backdrops that evoked both the 19th-century excavations of Pom-peii and Herculaneum, and the new order in France. It was a deliberate breakaway from the frivolities of rococo art.

Some of Appiani's masterpieces in Palazzo Reale's hall of the caryatids include Orpheus and Eurydice, Apollo's Chariot and The Guardian Angel of Art. Unfortunately, the artist's Napoleonic Triumph, a major cycle of frescoes commissioned by Napoleon which used to decorate the hall, was entirely destroyed in the second world war.

Making up a trio with Appiani in the first part of the exhibition are works by Antonio Canova and Felice Giani. All three artists were

born between 1754 and 1758 Canova, although best known for his sculpture, was also one of the leading exponents of Italian neo-classical painting. Masterpieces of his on show include the Three Graces and Elisabeth of Hungary Giving Alms.

With the fall of Napoleon, neoclassicism came under attack by the romantics and was accused of

being sterile and repetitive.
In fact, the paintings that steal the show are a group of works by the romantic master Francesco Hayez. His love-scene Rinaldo and Arminda, based on an epic poem by Tasso, is full of seductive flesh and other fine detail, though some may think that its overattentiveness to gesture and the idealisation of its personages border on kitsch.

Hayez's Melanchony Thoughts and Ruth exhibit similar extravagant posturing. But it is this kind charade, which artist and viewer seem to enjoy together with a smile, that has especially swung back into fashion. Hayer's por-traits, however, such as the Countess Teresa Zumali Marsili with her son Giuseppe and Portrait of the singer Matilde Iuvuca Branca, are more sensitive and

intimate. The final section of the exhibition focuses on landscapes and is a peaceful romp into a fantasy world where architecture and nature unite to inspire a nostalgia for classical antiquity.

A sign of the the sharpening market for these paintings is that a sale of Hayer's Massacre at Patras at Sotheby's in Milan three years ago fetched a mere 200 million lire but his Melancholy Thoughts carries an exhibition insurance for six times that amount. Interest is growing, especially among American collectors.

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# THE TIMES BUSINESS

**TUESDAY MARCH 3 1992** 

Issue could raise more than £4 billion and will boost medical research

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

# Trust to sell up to half

of Wellcome David Trippier, the environment minister, is hoping that Britain can move even faster on green matters than the rest of the EC. Next step, a multi-THE Wellcome Trust, the nation meeting in Rio charitable organisation Page 21 that funds medical research, has confirmed it is

to float up to 48.5 per cent CORROSION of Wellcome, the quoted pharmaceuticals group. Profits at ASW Holdings, The issue could raise up to the Welsh steel and wire £4.44 billion at yesterday's group, almost disapprices, making it one of peared in 1991 after a the largest ever. European price war

Wellcome Trust is the larg-est shareholder in Wellcome Page 18 and owns 73.6 per cent of the drugs group, which numbers **EROSION** Zovirax, the herpes drug, and Retrovir, the anti-Aids drug, among its best sellers.

The trust intends to reduce

Devolution of tax-raising

powers to a Scottish as-

sembly could seriously

harm the North Sea oil

industry, according to

County NatWest, the

broker

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RESIGNATION

Tony Butler, chief

executive of Ashley Group,

owner of Apollo window

blinds, has been asked to

quit after a dispute

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its shareholding to below 50 per cent, but will continue to hold at least 25 per cent of Wellcome. News of the flotation wiped 60p off the share price, which closed at 1066p. The exact size of the flotation, its date and the price at which the shares are offered will depend on market conditions. The beneficiary of the

float will be medical research. Wellcome Trust says that for every El billion it realises from the flotation, an extra £35 million a year will be spent on medical research. The minimum the issue would raise at yesterday's prices is £2.14 billion. Last year, the trust awarded grants of £100 million for

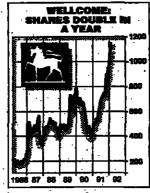
group will raise about £2.5 billion from the flotation. The flotation is dependent on approval by The Charity Commissioners and on an order from the court to allow the trust to modify the existing restrictions on the Trustability to sell shares in Wellcome. At present, the trust must maintain a share-

research. Analysis believe the

can be sold without charity

commissioners approval. The board of trustees is optimistic that this can be obtained by the end of April, which would put the share offer on course for the late summer. The trustees believe the earliest date for the flotation is July.

The issue will be the largest public offering since the sececom shares were offered to the public last year. The flotation is likely to be similar to the BT offer, with a large



interest expected to go overseas. Only 2 per cent of Wellcome's shares are currently held by American investors, but 50 per cent of the group's sales are in America.

Robert Fleming has been appointed global co-ordinator of the proposed offer and is adviser to the trust. Baring Brothers & Co is advising

The trust has given an undertaking to the board of Wellcome that it intends to hold at least 25 per cent of the shares for the long term, which Roger Gibbs, chair-

holding of at least 50 per cent man of the trustees, defines as of Wellcome and no shares at least five years. at least five years.

John Robb, chief executive

of Wellcome, said he supported the international share offering, which, he said, would increase the marketability of the company's equity and provide a shareholder base that better reflects the international spread of the group's business. Some large institutional shareholders do not hold any Wellcome shares,

others feel under-represented. Mr Robb said Wellcome had no intention of raising any new money on the back of the trust's disposal. "We are cash positive and we do not need to raise any funds. There is no point asking our shareholders for funds if we don't have a specific use for them."

Mr Gibbs said the main reason for disposing of the Wellcome shares was to give the trust a higher return on its investment and increase the spead of its assets. Wellcome shares now represent '95 per cent of the trust's incomeproducing assets. Wellcome shares yield 1 2

per cent and Mr Gibbs says a better spread of investment could give a return of 4 2 per cent to 434 per cent. The trust has been considering the issue of divesting Wellcome shares for some years, but only recently asked its mer-chant bank to handle the sale.

The exact nature of the offer has not been decided, but an offer for sale to the general public is likely to form part of it. Flemines said. Existing shareholders may also receive priority in the

Cash boost, page 4

Healthy future: Roger Gibbs (left) with Dr Bridget Ogilvie, a director of Wellcome Trust, and John Robb

# Coal chief attacks electricity economics

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL CLARKE, the chairman of British Coal, has launched a scathing attack on the "upside-down economics" of the electricity industry which, he said, were leading to the replacement of coalfired power stations with more expensive gas plant.

"It is utterly perverse that s British Coal is getting itself into an evermore competitive Eighties. shape, the market at which we can aim is being fenced off from us," Mr Clarke told the Coal Industry Society in London. He said that British indus-

try could be benefiting through lower power prices from a 30 per cent fall, in real terms, in British Coal prices. Instead, consumers had to pay a levy to support the stateowned nuclear power

industry. More alarming, though, was the impact that the planned construction of 7,000 megawatts of gas-fired generating capacity would have on the coal industry and

power consumers. "The dash for gas is not about competition giving lower prices, it is about competition to secure market share," he said.

Mr Clarke unleashed his criticism amid growing signs that British Coal has offered to sign a bulk deal with the generating companies National Power and PowerGen at about £40 a tonne — £10 more than the cost of imported coal, but below British Coal's present £42 a tonne average production cost. The generators, bent on increasing imports, are expected to treat the offer as a starting point.

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principals, including Lord Rothschild and his partner

Sir Mark Weinberg. It is looking for chief executive,

probably from the Continent.

most important European client is Daimler-Benz Lord

Rothschild said: "I am quite

pleased this venture is com-

ing to London rather than

The venture will make a

third arm to the financial ser-

vice business being built up

in St James's Place, joining

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The aura of strategic long-

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# Gooda Walker names stage 'strike' over £101 m cash call

By Jonathan Prynn

they need not pay the latest

round of losses if they do not want to, because of possible

legal flaws in the calls. About

£21 million out of the previ-

remains unpaid.

ONLY 10 per cent of the recent £101 million cash call on 4,000 pames on the stricken Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's had been paid by yesterday's deadline, according to the head of the Gooda

Walker names' action group. The response amounts to a virtual payment strike by names on syndicates 164, 290, 298 and 299, which have already lost a total of £238 million through catastrophe reinsurance underwriting by the Gooda Walker managing agency in the

The latest cash call, issued in January by GW Run-Off, a firm set up to manage the winding-up of the syndicates, was made to reduce borrowings taken on to pay a flood of

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents 1,600 Gooda Walker names, said he would be

"most surprised if more than the group would seek a senaa small fraction paid their rate injunction on different cash calls". The action group legal grounds. has advised its members that

He thought it unlikely that any drawdowns would be made before the conclusions of the enquiry, headed by Sir David Walker, the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, into the mar-

ous £137 million cash call ket's recent losses is known. Lloyd's yesterday won a The failure of the cash calls separate legal skirmish in America, when a Chicago means that GW Run-Off will be forced to apply to Lloyd's central fund to meet claims. It judge overturned an earlier would then be up to Lloyd's, recommendation that a preliminary injunction be grant-ed preventing Lloyd's from drawing down on letters of through the members' agencies, to recoup the payments by drawing down names' decredit used as part of a About 400 Gooda Walker

The three names concerned had alleged that the draw-down could not be enforced because their agreements with their members' agents and with Lloyd's effectively signed away their rights to the protection of American securities laws.

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names are thought to be par-

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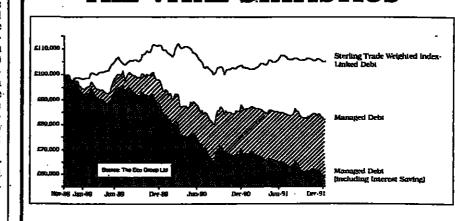
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# **Bowater buys packers** from slump-hit firms

BY MATTHEW BOND

BOWATER, the printing and packaging group, is pay-ing £444 million for two speciality packaging companies that should more than double its sales of containers to the health and personal care

The bulk of the consideration for the two businesses, DRG Packaging and Cope Allman Packaging, is being raised by a one-for-three rights issue, net proceeds of

which will be £334 million. Both purchases come from companies known to be anxious to reduce their debt levels. DRG Packaging is part of Pembridge Investments, which took over DRG for £700 million in 1989. Pembridge was subsequently refinanced, with Societé de Banque Thomson emerging

as the majority shareholder. Quoteplan, the holding company that owns Cope Allman Packaging and which Bowater has acquired, is 49 per

cent owned by ADT Group. David Lyon, Bowater's chief executive, declined to describe either vendor as a forced seller, but said: "The businesses would not be available to us now had there not been a major recession."

ADT said the disposal of Cope Allman raised £117 million and represented a "sig-nificant step" in its debt-

reduction programe.

Bowater's shares eased 3p to 765p, encouraged by the resilient 1991 results and by the board's comments that the acquisitions would enhance carnings. Pre-tax profits in the year to December

31 were marginally down on 1990 at £112.7 million. The final dividend has been increased by 8.7 per cent to 12.5p (11.5p), giving a total of 22p (21p).

The new, shares being of-

fered under the terms of the fully underwritten rights issue are priced at 605p, a 21 per cent discount to yesterday's opening price.

For both acquisitions, Bowater is receiving loan finance at attractive rates from parties linked to the vendors. SBT is providing a four year loan of £157 million at 6.3 per cent to part-fund the purchase of DRG packaging; ADT Finance BV is giving a five-year loan of £50 million

at 5 per cent.

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# Corporate captains join forces

By Graham Searjeant Financial editor

TWO of the most formidable names in international financial deals are teaming up to form a corporate finance business simed at providing strategic advice to multinationals in Europe.

The new venture will bring together Lord Rothschild, who as Jacob Rothschild was active in bids and deals before he left the family bank to form what is now St James's Place Capital, and James Wolfensohn, one of America's most successful corporate finance advisers.

Mr Wolfensohn, an Australian by birth, ran corporate finance at Salomon Brothers before setting up his own company in 1981 and building a list of leading multinational clients. James D Wolfensohn Incusually operates as a long-term adviser. taking an annual fee from its main clients and offering the sort of personal high-level advice traditionally associat-



Heading east: Paul Volcker, the new chairman

pan with Fuji Bank. J Rothschild, Wolfensohn

ed with the old days of became chairman of the London merchant banking. American company in 1988 It has a joint venture in Ja- after his eight-year stint as head of the Federal Reserve Board. Like its American & Co, the new venture, will be partner, the new company chaired by Paul Volcker, who will use the services of its does not rule them out.

oliensohn contrasts with Lord Rothchild's recent unsuccessful alliance with Sir James Goldsmith, which took a large opportunistic interest in Ranks Hovis and made a vain hostile bid to break up BAT Industries. Lord Rothschild explains that he never really liked hos-tile bids, although he still

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# Price war cuts ASW to £2.3 m

By Jonathan Prynn

The final dividend was cut

redundancy costs and provi-

sions for further price reductions as an exceptional item.

Mr Tracey said that there

was a widespread feeling in the industry that prices are

currently "close to the bot-tom," but added that, so far,

"a lot of noises about price

increases" had had very little impact. ASW itself intro-

duced price rises on certain

The proportion of group

turnover derived from outside the European markets rose

from about 3 per cent to more than 10 per cent, reflecting

turnover fell from £454.3 mil-

products on January 1.

THE disastrous effects of the fall in operating profits was European steel price war due to the "dramatic fall in have led to a 94 per cent slump in profits before tax, to prices and margins throughout Europe." Steel prices fell £2.3 million (£40.3 million), at ASW Holdings, the Welsh by between 10 and 15 per cent last year and have not increased since 1985.

steel and wire group.
The profits decline, which is the first for the company in ten years, was described as "very disappointing" by Christopher Tracey, the group's corporate development director. ASW has cal-culated that 87 per cent of its

# **Treuhand** has sold 5,600 firms

THE Treuhand agency, charged with establishing a market economy in eastern Germany, has sold almost half of the 11,427 former casts firme or exhibitize in state firms or subsidiaries in the world's biggest privatisation programme.

The agency said 5,584 concerns had been privatised by February 1 and 5,843 remained. Most of the firms emerged from communist rule very uncompetitive and have had to shed workers and

rely on subsidies to survive.
About 1.15 million jobs and almost DM 140 billion in investment have been secured through privatisation of companies or properties, the Treuhand said. However, eastern Germany's unem-ployment has soared from almost nil to 17 per cent due to mass industrial shutdowns or redundancy measures since unification. The agency hopes to end the privatisation drive by 1994.

Doeflex pours scorn on recession



Plastic to plastic: Richard Bickerton, head of Doeflex, with the source of the company's profit yesterday

# **Ashley** chief resigns

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

the company's policy of op-portunistic sales in markets offering higher returns than the depressed European are-na, Mr Tracey said. Overall THE board of Ashley group, the Apollo blinds and Span-ish food retailing group, has asked Tony Butler, its chief executive, to resign with immediate effect after board discussions relating to the strategy of the group.

lion to £390.7 million.

The company ended the year cash neutral after invest-James White, the chair-man, said: "The board has ing about £10 million (£9 million), in line with been in discussions about the future of the company and it The shares fell 7p to 131p, with analysts predicting a further fall in profitability in the decided that it was time to part company. It was a board decision." The shares rose 8p to 50p partly on the news of Mr Butler's resignation and current year. Forecasts for 1992 range from a £2.5 million loss to a £5 million profit. partly as a result of bid speculation in the weekend press.

Mr White denied that the group had received or expected to receive a bid approach:
"If we had, we would have to have made an announce

ment. There is no bid". Mr White confirmed that

# **Gaymer Group** emerges from buyout at Allied

GAYMER'S Olde English ci- Ventures and Advent Interder and Babycham perry are changing hands after the conclusion of a £140 million management buyout from Allied-Lyons, the drinks, brewing and foods conglomerate.

A new company, The Gaymer Group Europe, will become one of Britain's largest independent drinks busi-nesses when it begins trading in May. It will be formed from the merger of Vine Products and Whiteways with Showerings and Warninks, its former sister companies. Gaymer's and Copperhead cider, QC British sherry and Warninks Advocaat will be among 28 brands in the new

John Wilkinson, former managing director of VPW and Showerings, will be chief executive, while Mike Dowdall, a former board director of Unilever, becomes non-executive chairman.

Up to 130 employees may lose their jobs in the merger. VPW and Showerings have factories near Bristol and at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and Warninks' main facility is in The Netherlands. The combined companies employ 1.300 people. Gaymer plans to invest £12 million over the next few years to increase cider and perry production at Shepton Mallet.

The buyout was led by Candover, supported by CINVen, Legal & General

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# **Prices** boost profits

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU LOWER raw material prices helped Doeflex, a producer of polyvinylchloride and ther-moplastic sheeting, bear the recession with a 13 per cent rise in operating profits to £1.85 million last year. The profits reflect continued strength in the speciality chemicals sector even though much of the rest of the industry is suffering from the harsh economic conditions.

Pre-tax profits at Doeflex fell from £1.28 million to £1.24 million because of higher interest charges to finance the purchase of a factory in Swindon, Wiltshire. Due to a lower tax charge, earnings rose 4 per cent to 10.59p a share. The final and total dividends have been maintained at 2.7p and

4.02p respectively.
Richard Bickerton, chairman and chief executive, said the group's performance had improved throughout the year, with a 37 per cent rise in operating profits in the second half. He said this constituted "an unbroken trend of improved results" since 1980. He said for a small company to prosper through two recessions reflected well

on the "quality and adapt-ability of its senior operational management team". Doeflex grew last year, most notably through the £1.3 million acquisition of a 60 per cent stake in Horizon Industries, a Belgian produc-



Billam jumps 162% PRE-TAX profits at JBillam, a sheet metal engineer, soared last year by 162 per cent, from £117,000 to £306,000. It was the company's best result since 1986. Stephen Ingram, who became chairman last April, said the improvement had been achieved in spite of difficult trading conditions. Billam had

Smith & Nephew sale

SMITH & Nephew, the medical and toiletries group, said

Smith & Nephew Inc., its American unit, has agreed to sell
the SoloPak division to part of the Ivax Corporation for \$19
million Smith & Nephew said SoloPak, which makes generic pharmaceuticals, was making losses and did not fit in with S&N's international healthcare range.

# tied-agent clients implement any formal disci-

By Lindsay Cook, money editor

**NU** compensates

NORWICH Union has paid more than £500,000 in compensation to investors who bought bonds through Winchester Group, its tied agent. following an investigation by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation. Lautro said yesterday that

the final report of its monitoring committee "discloses evi-. dence of contraventions by Norwich Union of the Lautro rules in relation to the business conducted through Winchester Group". The regulatory body issued an intervention notice in October 1990 that directed Norwich Union to cease accepting

business from the group.
The rule breaches related to the "provision of investment advice given by representa-tives to investors". However, due to the Norwich's prompt action and the costs and compensation already paid, the committee has decided not to

committee said it was satisfied that Norwich Union had taken comprehensive action to ensure that investors had not been prejudiced. This included giving investors the chance to reconsider whether they have taken on appropriate investment contracts, investigating all home income plans, and all cases where investors were advised to acquire loanstock investments in the Winchester Group.

plinary proceedings. The

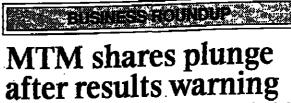
A spokesman for the group said: "Norwich Union has never had a home income plan. Our capital investment bonds were sold to people who had raised money on their homes. These were all set up by a single Winchester salesman. All have now been investigated and about 50 people have received a little over £500,000. They have been put back in their original position."

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SHARES in MTM, the acquisitive specialist chemicals company, plunged 60 ap to 226p after the company gave a warning that profits for the year to end-December would be "substantially below current City expectations". The figures, initially scheduled for release on Thursday, will now be released on March 31.

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released on March 31.

MTM said the company and its auditors are discussing the application of accounting policies, particularly relating to the carrying value of fixed assets. Full-year pre-tax profits for 1991, expressed in accordance with present accounting policies, would miss City targets.

Trading performance "showed a sound, profitable business which demonstrated growth in challenging economic circumstances," the company added. There had also been an encouraging start to this year. MTM is forecasting a final dividend of 3.73p, giving a total of 5.6p, ap better than in 1990.

Lending rises £3.7bn

BANK and building societies' lending grew by £3.7 billion in January, allowing for seasonal adjustments for tax payments. This is £300 million more than the provisional estimate made on February 20, which was itself higher than the financial markets had expected. The higher final estimate reflects revisions in the counterparts to changes in M4, the wider measure of money supply. The public sector borrowing requirement is now put at £3.8 billion and sterling lending at £2.4 billion. The provisional money supply figures are unchanged at a 0.4 per cent rise in M4 and a 0.2 per cent fall in M0, the narrow cash measure of the money stock.

# Harrington advances

HARRINGTON Kilbride, a magazine publishing company that made its stock market debut at the end of last year, recorded a rise in pre-tax profits from £1.01 million to £1.27 million in 1991. That is in line with a forecast made last December. At the end of last year, the company, led by Kevin Harrington, published 33 titles, including Baby magazine and European Finance. This year, Harrington Kilbride has launched two further specialist magazines in the automotive and broadcasting sectors. There will be no dividend for 1001, sectors stated in the properties but the company and broadcasting sectors. There will be no twice the prospectus, but the company intends to declare a first dividend after this year's interim results. Turnover in 1991 rose from £6.11 million to £9.19 million, and earnings per share were up from 8.1p to 10.2p.

# Cookson buys in US

COOKSON Group is buying the American metal stearates business of Huls America, a subsidiary of Huls, the German themicals group, for an undisclosed price. Huls is owned by Veba, the German energy and industrial holding company. The business being bought, which achieved sales of \$9 million last year, will be absorbed by the existing production facilities of Synpro, another Cookson company. Cookson said the price was not material to net assets and would be partly funded from the proceeds of the recent sale of its Titanium International and Reactive Metal Fabricators businesses. The balance will go towards paying off debt, in line with Cookson's policy of funding acquisitions through

# D & G boosts payout

DOMESTIC & General, an insurance company that specialises in cover for household appliance breakdowns. announced a 28 per cent advance in interim pre-tax profits to £2.7 million for the six months to December 31. Gross premiums were up by 36 per cent and loss ratios maintained at "acceptable levels". Expenses increased 14 per cent to £5.2 million. The half-time dividend is lifted from 4.5p to 6p. The company said an expected upturn in retail sales of electrical appliances had not happened, leading to slower premium growth. However, that was offset by higher renewal premiums through the development of direct mailing. Martin Copley, chairman, said the second half had

controlled costs and working capital tightly, and improved customer service and marketing. "Now that the group is implementing a clear strategy," Mr Ingram said, "I feel confident that it will achieve further progress in the current year." The final dividend has been increased from 2.4p to 2.64p, making 4.28p (4.04p) for the year, the first increase

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# Hong Kong branch of BCCI wound up

has ordered the winding up of the local branch of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) after a rescue bid collapsed last month. The government must seek permission from the High Court before liquidating companies. Earlier plans to seek permission for the liquidation of BCCHK were adjourned after public pressure for the bank to be sold.

A rescue plan for BCCHK, which was closed last July as scandal engulfed the parent, collapsed when buyers withdrew because the Abu Dhabi

than HK\$2 billion (£146 million), while Abu Dhabi offered only US\$25 million. Seven depositors had indicated their opposition to the bank's liquidation but they had been unable to suggest

to find a buyer.

# FROM REUTER IN HONG KONG

HONG Kong's High Court government, the bank's ma-

any alternative.
Angry depositors have called for a public enquiry into the closure of the bank and the government's failure

### jority shareholder, failed to give a satisfactory guarantee for any unrecorded liabilities. Claims not recorded on the books of BCCHK total more

Mr Butler would receive a compensation payment for not know how much it would be as negotiations were still continuing. Mr Butler was paid £254,000 last year and has a three-year contract.

The City became disillusioned with Ashley in October last year when the group put out a profits warning stating that the results for the year to end-August 1991 were unlikely to show any improve-ment over the 1990 figures. The warning caught analysts and institutional shareholders by surprise and the shares fell 25 per cent to 67p at that time.

national Ailied-Lyons will re-ceive £115 million in cash

and £25 million in vendor

loans. Yesterday, the group announced the sale of Grand

Macnish, Lauder's and Islay

Mist Scotch Whiskies to

MacDuff International, an

independent Scottish com-

pany, for an undisclosed sum.

The sales are part of the strategy of Michael Jack-aman, who took over as chair-

man of Allied-Lyons when Sir

Derrick Holden-Brown took

early retirement last May

after the group lost £147 mil-lion while speculating in for-

Last week, the group raised

£50 million in cash and

shares from the sale of brandy

and distribution interests in Spain. Brands still in the

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# Contract imposes rigid rules on group to prevent cost overrun

# Foster and **BAA** to design new HK airport

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE contest to design the world's biggest civil engineer ing project, a new £10 billion airport for Hong Kong, has been won by a consortium including BAA, the airports group, and Sir Norman Foster and Partners, the architects. The three-member consortium will be headed by

Mott Connell, of Hong Kong.
The £39.4 million contract
to design the passenger terminal, concourse and systems was won against competition from 30 rival consortia. The new airport is part of a

massive programme of infra-structure spending in Hong Kong to expand the capacity of international transport links. Kai Tak, Hong Kong's existing airport, has a runway built into the harbour on reclaimed land and is expected to reach capacity within two years. Its replacement will be built on the island of Chek Lap Kok and will require the world's longest span bridge, to enable travellers to reach it. In addition, the programme calls for the construction of a new town of 200,000 people and new road and rail links.

Chek Lap Kok is due to open in 1997 with capacity for 35 million passengers a year. Eventually, the airport will have a capacity of 87 million passengers and 9 mil-

lion tonnes of cargo a year. The fixed cost design con-tract, awarded yesterday, imposes rigid obligations on the design consortium. If the project looks to be running over-budget during the design phase, the consortium is

required to redesign the airport at its own expense to bring it back within budget. Sir Norman Foster and Partners and BAA were natural partners for the project. The leading architects designed a much-acclaimed new terminal at Stansted Airport, Essex, for BAA. The architects are also well known in the Crown Colony, where they were responsible for de-sign of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-

BAA, as Britain's biggest airport operator, has been making great efforts to find outlets for its skills overseas. The group was recently appointed lead consultant by an Anglo-Japanese consortium building a £4 billion airport at Sepang, Malaysia.

The design contract is among the first of 72 con-tracts that the Provisional Airport Authority (PAA) plans to issue covering civil engineering, construction, building services and special-All of the contracts are ex-

pected to be fixed-price agreements with critical dates defined, and damages payable for late completion. Richard Allen, the chief executive of the PAA, has said

the authority's objective is "to have the airport built on time and within budget." The next contracts, in April, are expected to cover terminal building systems, with air traffic control systems contracts awarded soon



Former glory: Sir Norman designed the Hongkong and Shanghai building

Devolution will be taxing for Scottish oil

# **UK to present Russian** case for joining IMF

BRITAIN is to represent Russia in its application to join the International Monetary Fund, Norman Lamont said yesterday. The IMFs 22-member board of directors meets in Washington soon to discuss the proposal put forward by Russia in January. The Chancellor said he was

delighted that Britain. the first country to propose Russia's full membership of the IMF and the first to propose an April deadline for finalising membership procedures, had been approached by the Russian government to represent its interests at the meet ing. If successful, Russia will be able to tap into the vast financial resources of the IMF to boost its transformation from former communist stronghold to a free-market economy.

However, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, warned European Community foreign ministers in Brussels yesterday that European nations must not make individual efforts to help the Common-wealth of Independent States, but allow the IMF to take the lead instead. The EC should wait for the IMFs spring meeting, which is expected to admit Russia and the Ukraine, he said.

comply with IMF conditions for membership, which inchide the removal of most subsidies on energy prices and the establishment of a fixed internal exchange rate for the rouble.

Russian officials in Mos-

cow gave further details of the

measures they are taking to

The only exception to the

Mary Dejevsky says the Russians want to be judged by the West on their own merits

freeing of energy prices will be domestic electricity and gas. Petrol prices will rise substantially, probably several times over. The price of crude oil will rise from 350 roubles a tonne to between 2,000 and 2.500 roubles a

The internal price of oil will not be allowed to rise to world price levels until 1993. In the interim, Russia is to impose a 50 per cent tax on oil exports. The prospect of the new tax has raised questions about existing deals with foreign companies that have agreed to supply machinery and prospecting expertise in re-turn for oil. If the tax applies to such deals, their economic viability will be called into

No date has been set for the introduction of a fixed exchange rate for the rouble, which has three main rates. The rate of one rouble to one pound, at which foreign loans are calculated, the "commercial" rate of three roubles to one pound, which is still used by banks, even though it has officially been abolished by the Russian government, and the floating "market" rate. received by tourists and others exchanging cash at bank counters. The latter is about 120 roubles to the pound, down from a high of 190

roubles four weeks ago. The new fixed "investment" rate is likely to be somewhere between 35 and 85 roubles to the pound. According to Konstantin Kagalovsky. a Russian government adviser, the special "investment" rate will be abolished once the "market" rate stabilises sufficiently. As the fixed rate is introduced, the use of the dollar to settle accounts with Russian firms — a frequent practice by companies with any foreign customers living in Russia — will be declared

Mr Kagalovsky also insisted that Moscow wanted its stake in the IMF to be calculated independently from that of other members of the CIS and said that it should be fixed at about 4 per cent of

He said it would be "professionally wrong and politically harmful" to calculate Russia's quota on the basis of an "artificial coefficient" relating to the former Soviet

Mr Kagalovsky's insistence on this point suggested there might be some disagreement either with the IMF on the calculation of the Russian quota, or with other republics of the former Soviet Union, in particular the Ukraine, which has applied separately for IMF membership.

Any dispute is likely to derive from differing estimates of the value of trade between the republics, which must now be regarded as foreign trade. Such calculations are extremely difficult to make in

# Lex sells to Arrow of America

LEX Service, one of Britain's largest vehicle distributors. has sold its European electronics businesses to Arrow Electronics, America's second-largest electronics distributor, for £33 million.

This deal completes Lex's withdrawal from this busi-

raphers will have a field day. The

of which Scottish law applies, is hard-

ly likely to prove an acceptable bound-ary, since it would give the Scots pretty

much everything but the East Anglian

No matter how the lines are drawn,

it is hard to justify saving much for the

English. But the Treasury would have

some powerful negotiating weapons.

Under the current tax regime, explo-

ration, and rig removal costs, can be

The Treasury has had that tax, and

spent it. If the Scots mean to go on

offering tax relief, they might like to

share the burden with the Treasury, in

exchange for some income. If they

cancel the tax relief, they would be

likely to lose the exploration and

production development work on

which their future revenues would

Politics was always the art of the

possible. That will be no less true in

the North Sea than in the Crown Office building in Edinburgh, where

a Scottish assembly may yet, one day,

offset against tax already paid.

gas fields.

pated after Arrow acquired Lex's American electronics operations for \$164 million in shares and cash last June. At the same time, Lex put its European electronics companies up for sale.

The agreement relating to the European businesses was agreed in principle last October. Arrow, which has its headquarters in Melville, New York, will buy the British and French electronics companies, Lex Electronics UK and Lex Electronics SA. while Spoerle Electronics, Arrow's German affiliate, will buy Sasco, Lex's German recession.

electronics distribution subsidiary. The European subsidiaries had sales of £95.6 million and a trading profit of £I.I million in 1990.

The acquisition price represents a £4 million premium over the net asset value of the companies. Lex receives £21 million in cash, with the remainder in the form of debt certificates.

Lex will have a shareholding in Arrow of 34 per cent after the disposals. The receipts are being used to reduce Lex's debt. The company has suffered badly in the

# Accountants asked for higher subscriptions

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants is asking members to agree big increases in its £100 base annual subscription. The increases would counter growing deficits and fund improved lobbying, speeding-up of disciplinary procedures and improved information and

advice services. Subscriptions of practising accountants would be raised by 29 per cent in 1993 and by a further 12.5 per cent above inflation in each of the following two years. The English institute wants to step up lobbying in Brussels and possibly open an office there to influence EC rules and directives. Andrew Colquhoun, chief executive, said: "We can no longer just lobby the

Two thirds of members would have to vote for the increase. Spending overruns on net income of about £11 million have reduced the institute's cash balances to a seasonal low point of £2.4 million from £5.5 million in

## Chelsea wins reprieve on deadline

By MATTHEW BOND LAWYERS acting for Chel-sea Football Club have se cured a two-week extension on its deadline to pay £22.85 million to Cabra Estates, its

landlord, or face eviction. Last week, after its success ful High Court action, Cabra gave Chelsea until March 12 to pay for the Stamford Bridge ground.

Yesterday, however, Cabra said it was quite happy to agree to the later date of March 26.

Despite the legal agree ment, there seems little likelihood of Cabra actually receiving the money for Stamford Bridge on that day. Chelsea is planning an appeal against the court ruling. Cabra has already said it will put the club in receivership if it does not receive its money by the agreed date.

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ANY devolution of tax-raising powers to a Scottish assembly in the wake of the next election could seriously upset output of oil and gas from the North

County NatWest analysts, based in Edinburgh, believe the creation of separate tax regimes in different parts of the UK continental shelf could remove the fiscal and political stability which have underpinned the oilfield's development. In which case, they say, oil companies might be tempted to divert investment to other areas of the world where the environment is less hostile, and the oil easier to recover.

But Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party, should not despair. Provided that lesson is taken on board, the analysts report makes pretty encouraging reading for the separatists. During the lifetime of the next parliament, it concludes, North Sea tax revenues are likely to reach £18 billion, in 1992 money.

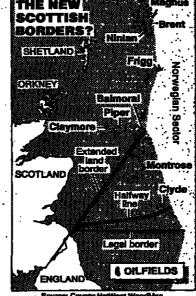
Scottish negotiators will know that there has scarcely been a better moment to redirect the revenue flow since

North Sea production got into its

stride in 1979. North Sea tax revenues peaked at £12 billion in 1984-5. During the ifetime of the current parliament, about £18 billion of oil and gas tax revenue has poured into the coffers of the Treasury. But thanks to a combination of safety work and rock-bottom oil prices, the North Sea provided John Major with little more than £1

billion last year, the report concludes. If that calculation is right, Mr Major could sign away the North Sea to the Scots tomorrow, slap a halfpenny on income tax — or cut tax by a halfpenny less than he intends in the Budget - and no one south of the border would notice.

With North Sea output heading for a new peak, and a recovery in oil prices likely by the middle of the decade, the longer devolution is delayed, the more pain it will cause south of the border. For that reason alone, there is likely to be some pretty hard bargaining if Mr Major, or his successor, ever sits down across a



In such circumstances, the cartog-

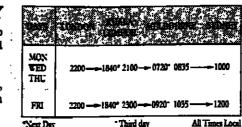
table from the devolutionists to negotiate away North Sea tax revenues.





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# Berry to head BES company

Tony Berry, former chairman of Blue Arrow, is becoming Profit Builder, a Business Expansion Scheme company that will buy and build residential property to rent. Profit Builder will specialise in the north London area, which it believes could be one of the

Mr Berry, who is chairman Technology Group and a director of Club, said: "This is the first time I have been associated with a BES issue and I am delighted to be involved with a company which I believe has the capacity for substan-

### Lilleshall slips

Lilleshall, an industrial distribution, engineering and building products group, saw pre-tax profits fall from £2.77 million to £2.4 million in the year to December, on turnover up from £33.9 million to E36.4 million. Earnings per share slipped to 7.5p (12.7p) and the final dividend is 2.5p (2.45p), making 4p for the year (3.9p).

## Thorpe steady

Interim pre-tax profits at FW Thorpe, an industrial and commercial lighting manu-facturer, remained steady at £630,000 in the six months to December 31, on turnover of £6.9 million. The interim dividend has been increased by 14 per cent to 0.8p.

### Doust to go

George Doust, who steered Magnetic Materials Group through a successful bid defence against TT Group last year, is stepping down as chairman. Brian Morris, chief executive, takes over as executive chairman.

### Dividend up

Unidare, an Irish engineer ing group, reported pre-tax profits of 155.09 million (£4.69 million) for the year to December 31, against IE5.07 million last time. It is raising the total dividend from 14.2p to 15p, with a 10.9p final.

### Brent respite

im financing arrangements extended to March 31. It says ture its £1.5 billion of debts.

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# Sellers hand Bowater a package of opportunity

WHEN vendors start provid-ing the finance as well as the opportunity, you can be pret-ty sure that the buyer is on to

good thing.
"Forced seller" was not a phrase that David Lyon. Bowater's chief executive, was prepared to use yesterday, as he unveiled the £444 million purchase of DRG Packaging and Cope Allman Packaging. However, his vendors have certainly smoothed the acquisition path.

Société de Banque Thomson, the majority owner of Pembridge Investments, is providing E157 million of the E212 million consideration for DRG Packaging, in the form of a four-year loan at an interest rate of just 6.3 per cent. The sale of Cope Allman for £232 million has been eased by a five-year loan at 5 per cent from ADT Finance BV, a company clearly linked to the minority owner of Quoteplan, the vendor of Cope Allman.

With a further £25 million swapped into 6.3 per cent money, Bowater has £232 million of the total £444 consideration financed at 6.3 per cent or lower, which must boost the board's confidence that the acquisitions will enhance earnings this year even before they begin to work their magic on margins.

By going on to raise £334 million through a one-forthree rights issue, the company has limited the damage to its balance sheet (gearing rises from 23 per cent to 35 per cent) and has also ensured that it can meet the capital expenditure that the acquisitions will doubtless

Sonia Falaschi, of UBS Phillips & Drew, forecasts £150 million of profits this year and earnings per share of 50.4p. At 765p, the shares are 40p or so above the theoretical ex-rights price and on an earnings multiple of more than 15. Somewhat

### Security Services SHARES in Security Services

and Securicor, known as the Brent Walker has had inter-Securical twins, have shown a supercharged performance since the beginning of the



Calm confidence: David Lyon borrowed £232 million at 6.3 per cent or less

index has gained a mere 5 per

The driving force behind these spectacular gains has been the idea that sooner or later, BT, which partners the Securicor group in the Cellnet mobile phone operation, will get round to buying in the 40 per cent minority in Cellnet which it does not own.

Such a move would involve a great deal of regulatory attention, notably from the Office of Fair Trading, Oftel, the telecommunications industry watchdog, and even the trade and industry department the sponsoring ministry behind both cellular and PCN (Personal Communication Network) licences. But the logic for BT is attractive and the likely £2 billion outlay is well within its substantial resources.

BT's heavy investment in McCaw, the American cellular group, stresses the importance which it attaches to mobile telephony. It must therefore have been galling to see Celinet losing ground fast third, while the FT-SE 100 New management at Cellnet being knocked out are, in the recovery.

is recovering lost ground, but from 1993 onwards, when the new PCN networks go live, cellphones will face some

cheaper competition. In time, PCN and cellular will compete with BT's own hard wire services. It would suit BT to integrate all its lephony services industrial-. Financially, full ownership Cellnet makes sense too. Discounted cash flow calculations value Cellnet at £2.1 billion. Assuming a purchase premium of 25 per cent implies a further 50 per cent upside on Security Services shares and 37 per cent for

### have long-term attractions. **ASW Holdings**

Securicor A shares. Both still

THIS time last year, analysts were asking whether the Eu-ropean steel price war would blow itself out by the summer, enabling ASW Holdings, the Welsh steel and wire group led by Alan Cox, to make a spectacular second-half recovery. Alas, almost all their projections proved too opti-mistic. Signs of capacity

company's words, little more than straws in the wind.

Over the past 12 months, prices have fallen by an average of 10 to 15 per cent, from a level that had changed little since 1985. ASW, one of the lowest-cost producers in Europe, did well to maintain any profit at all in such a hostile environment, so a £2.3 million profit before tax (£40.3 million) was by no means a disastrous perior-

Having assumed a price pick-up a year ago. most analysts are now factoring little or no recovery into their ASW, which range from a loss of £2.5 million to a £5 million profit. However, most are agreed that the company, which has no net debt, will attempt to maintain the divi-dend at last year's level of 9p. That would give the shares an attractive 9.5p yield, under-pinning their value. Even so, in the light of steel's stubborn refusal to obey the laws of the market, it is too early to start buying for a possible 1993

# Nikkei gains

Tokyo — Shares closed firmer, but below their highs for the day in sleepy trading. The Nikkei index rose 149.01 points, or 0:70 per cent, to 21,487.82. Arbitrage buy programs and the individual buying of some issues lifted prices, brokers said.

Continuing hopes of a cut in the discount rate also helped to underpin sentiment, but volume remained sluggish. Turnover edged up to about 200 million shares, compared with 197 million shares on Friday.

Brokers said that many investors were keeping on the sidelines before the Bank of Japan's publication on Friday of its Tankan (quarterly economic survey), which, they hope, will signal another discount rate cut. Biotechnology shares again attracted buying

bered those falling by about three to two, with 564 shares higher, 370 shares lower and 182 unchanged.

The main rises yesterday ere the pharmaceutical, banking, communications, food, mining, textile, warehouse, pulp/paper, chemical and non-ferrous metal sectors. The airline, retail, electrical, credit/lease, non-life insurance, service, shipping, electrical power, gas and oil sectors were the only falls.

☐ Hong Kong — Prices end-ed firmer, but off the day's highs as profit-taking and talk of a rights issue eroded sharp, initial gains, brokers said. The Hang Seng index surged more than 50 points after the opening before falling steadily until midday. Overseas institutional and local buying then picked up to boost it up by 23.13 points to

The broader Hong Kong index gained 15.71 points to 3,234.96. Turnover totalled a healthy HK\$3.02 billion (£221 million), against HK\$4.06 billion last Friday.

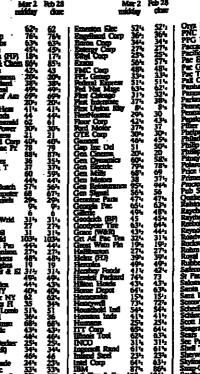
☐ Sydney — The market closed higher after one of the year's quietest trading days in which only a small amount of spending was needed to push prices up. The all-ordinaries index closed 11.3 points higher at 1,625.4, the rise led

# Dow edges higher

New York - Shares were Straits Times industrial index steady in morning trading after recovering from early losses suffered on a batch of economic data that started selling in bonds, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average edged up 1.33 points to 3,269.

sharply lower with shipyard shares leading the falls. The shed 16.93 points, or 1.14 per cent, to 1,460.50. Shipyard share prices fell in early trading after Jurong Shipyard's forecast that profit growth will slow in 1992.

☐ Frankfurt — Shares were almost motionless for the second trading day in a row. The Dax index closed 2.74 points higher at 1,747.87. (Reuter)



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### STOCK MARKET

# Institutions on the sidelines suffering pre-Budget blues

CITY investors began batten-ing down the hatches before next week's Budget, worried that the Chancellor's proposals will not be quite as gener-ous as at first thought. The news of two large share offerings - from Wellcome and Bowater — at the start and no clear trend in the latest political opinion polls set the tone, with prices drifting because of lack of interest. Fund managers seemed to

be unwilling to commit them-selves until they know what the Budget has in store. Last week's corporate news provided a gloomy backdrop and there is little prospect of any improvement this week, with question marks hanging over the dividend policies of ten of the 17 leading companies that will be reporting within

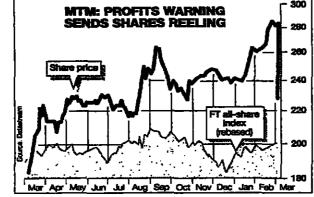
the next few days.

However, prices managed to close above their worst. levels of the day, largely thanks to technical factors, including another strong performance in the futures market, which continues to trade 100 index finished 7.8 lower at 2,554.3, having been 20 points down earlier. Selling remained light and the turn-over of 438 million shares was boosted by a small programme trade believed to have been carried out by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker.
Government securities

spent a quiet day, dampened by Treasury warnings that the government's scope for cutting interest rates was lim-ited by German rates. Shares in Wellcome were

marked sharply lower on confirmation that the Wellcome Foundation plans to reduce its holding to less than 50 per cent. Dealers said that the disposal was likely to depress the Wellcome price in the short-term, but it may eventually succeed in attracting fresh institutional support for the shares. The Wellcome price more than doubled last year and closed 60p lower at £10.66 yesterday.

Other drug companies were marked lower, worried by the prospect of investors switching to Wellcome. Prices



later recovered, with Glaxo firming 4p to 785p, after touching 760p, while Smith-Kline Beecham hardened 5p to 923p, after 895p, and ICI recovered a 13p fall to end unchanged at £12.93. Fisons Aerospace continued to enjoy something of a market rerating in the wake of last week's trip by analysts to the group's Rover business and its Airbus Industrie operation in Toulouse. The City appears to be

NationsBank Corporation, America's fourth biggest bank, which owns London broker Panmure Gordon, has attracted strong support from European fund managers for its share placing, designed to raise \$353 million. About 7 million shares were offered to investors at \$45 each. European investors took up 15 per cent of the issue.

from E230 million to £190 million. However, specula-tors have been buying the shares in the hope that the gloomy figures will prompt a bid for the company. British

climbed 7p to 393p before its full-year figures today, expected to show profits dropping group can now be regarded news is over and that'the as a long-term recovery stock. BAe closed 8p dearer at

> News of a rights issue from Bowater meant a volatile day for the shares which touched

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744p before closing only 3p cheaper at 765p. The group is raising £333 million on the basis of one-for-three at 605p to finance the acquisition of two specialist packaging companies 49 per cent owned by ADT. The total cost will be £444 million. Bowater also announced a fall in pre-tax profits. ADT jumped 37p to 500p. MTM, the specialist chemicals group, tumbled 60 2p to 226p after issuing a warning that pre-tax profits for last year would fall short of the £23 million forecast by analysts. The group blamed changes to its accounting policies which will delay the figures. It is now in talks with its auditors about the value of fixed assets and may face heavy write-offs. MTM described trading for last year as sound and profitable and said that this year had started with encouraging levels of

The best rise on the day was seen in Dalepak, the York-shire frozen foods and chilled foods group, ending 71p stronger at 433p after news of a bid approach. The shares have been a strong market of late, boosted by a favourable

broker's circular. First-time dealings in Rosebys, floated off from Cat-tle's (Holdings), the financial services group, got off to a healthy start. The shares started life at 115p and ended at 124p, a premium of 9p. Business Technology, the

office equipment group head-ed by the former Blue Arrow chairman Tony Berry, marked time at 30p. The group has disposed of its Copyplan Midlands subsidiary to the management for £500,000 and the majority of its finance lease receivables to Lloyds Bowmaker at the book value of £2.4 million. Mr Berry says BTG has also reduced

group debt.

Midland Bank continued to make headway in the wake of the recent better than expected figures, climbing 11p to 278p. Bardays also firmed lp to 362p, National Westnaster 4p to 315p and Lloyds 7p to 420p. ·

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# Welcome moves for Wellcome

t was a churlish of the stock market to wipe £500 million off of the value of Welkome shares on L the news of the trust's share sale in view of frequent City complaints about scarcity of Wellcome stock. Only 25 per cent of the group, capitalised at more than £9 billion, is freely available at present.

The fall in the price was partly due to profit taking before what will be a substantial private sector issue. Wellcome shares have more than doubled to 1066p in the last 12 months, and the trust's timing appears impeccable. But there was also needless concern over rumours that the issue would be priced at a premium to shares now traded in the market. Institutional shareholders are more used to issues priced at a discount.

Yesterday Flemings was doing its best to knock the "premium" rumour, a crazy idea at the best of times, on the head. For the issue to work it will have to be priced at a level close to the existing shares.

After price, the second main concern is timing.

The trust is saying July at the earliest but even that
may be a optimistic. Advisers appear to have been brought on board only in the last month and an international all-singing all-dancing issue of this size and complexity is not going to be put together overnight, even assuming the Court and the Charity Commissioners give their agreement straight away. Then there are the stiff American regulatory hurdles to clear. Before July we have a General Election which could also affect the issue and the stock market. The trust has made it clear that this is no forced sale and if the market conditions are not right it will simply wait. Hopefully the wait will not be too long. The issue makes sense for the trust, sense for Wellcome and sense for medical research. It also makes sense for the battalions of bankers, lawyers and advisers who stand to make hefty fees. Perhaps it is too much to hope that they remember the shares they are selling belong to a charity and tailor the fees accordingly.

# Low power

ohn Wakeham may be hoping that energy policy does not figure largely in the election campaign. To many laymen, our legacy from the past looks like an enormous muddle and in the hands of opposition spokesmen the current lack of direction is a pure gold on the hustings. The elephantine nuclear programme has produced at vast expense a mouse in the shape of a levy on consumers which pushes up the cost of power. Attempts to introduce competition from foreign coal could drastically reduce the size of a domestic industry which produces secure, if more expensive supplies, which should nevertheless have some place in any balanced portfolio of fuels for generation. Finally superclean gas, however environmentally favourable, may well be producing more expensive energy than old fasioned coal fired stations due in part to special arrangements made to facilitate the privatisation of the regional The power generation industry frequently tells anyone who cares to listen that in real terms the cost of electricity is bound to rise over the next few years.

British industry might have expected a better outcome than the above which is probably a fair approximation to the way that government critics would describe the current state of play. In the days ahead, Mr Wakeham would do well to prepare some more favourable explanations if indeed they are possible. Otherwise he will be open to the charge that the much vaunted thrust of privatisation in search of increased competition is failing miserably to deliver the obvious byproduct - falling real electricity prices.

# UN flies down to Rio to judge the greener than green competition

George Brock reports from Brussels on the

race to boost green

credentials without

pushing economies deeper into recession

resident Bush announces tighter controls on chemicals that damage the ozone layer. Within a few days, the European Community brings for-ward its own deadlines for the switch to ozone-friendly substitutes - noting in passing that its new rules are a little tougher than the controls that the American presi-

dent has just passed. Last Friday, David Trippier, the environment minister met representatives of British industry to see if Britain can go even faster than the Community. There is something going on here, and the leap-frogging policy changes are not just caused by alarming new research showing hat the hole in the ozone is

Competition between states for good green credentials is hot because of what the entire environ-

mental world simply calls Rio.
The United Nations conference on environment and development (Unced) in Rio de Janeiro, to be held in June, is turning into a contest of Olympic proportions between governments. They are lining up to show they are greener than the opposition, if by only a a shade.

There are no prizes for moving so far ahead of the others that your economy is crippled by costs not shared by others. The North wants to extend tough anti-pollution rules to the Third World; the South wants

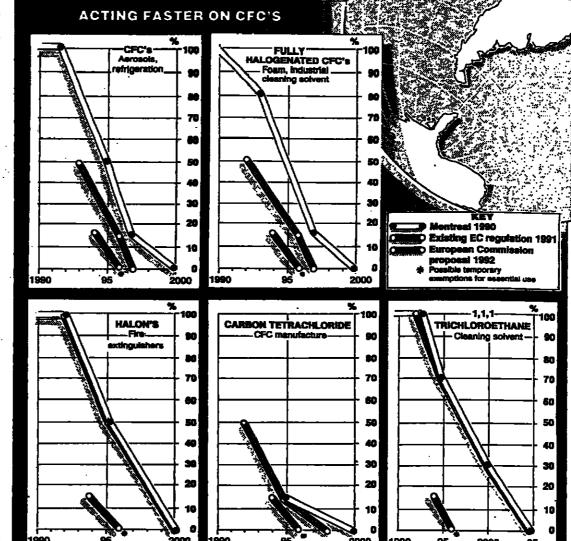
financial help to catch up.

Will the conference accelerate the drive towards energy taxes? Europe is tiptoeing towards fiscal incentives to cut fuel consumption, America is wary and Japan is waiting for others to move first. Rio may be for politicians, but it has huge potential effects on business and industry. As the conference deadline approaches, recession is slowing some of last year's radicalism.

Maurice Strong, the Canadian businessman in charge of Rio, has modestly billed the conference as "the most important meeting in the history of humanity." Whether the assembled ministers can change the course of events is less clear. The preparations for the conference, both intellectual and logistical, are falling behind.

Pressure groups will have their own conference alongside that of the government leaders: About 20,000 people are likely to attend. American Indians who were invited to stay in reproduction tepees have demanded hotel rooms instead. Green groups have demanded the air conditioning be ozone-friendly and the food is politically correct. Unfortunately the head of the pressure group conference was mugged on the day that he arrived in Rio.

Most galling of all for the EC, its projected European Environment



Agency may be upstaged by a suggestion from President Bush for a world environment agency. The European body has never come into existence because the French government is refusing to agree the site for its headquarters.

The momentum taking govern-ments towards tough European green taxes is slackening. Last year, Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European Community's environment commissioner, began edging Europe towards a huge energy tax of \$10 a barrel of oil or equivalent in the late

He argues that is the only way the Community's commitments can be met. The EC has promised carbon dioxide emissions will be levelled off at 1990 levels by the year 2000 extension — in the global attempt to cut down on gases that contribute to global warming. Signor Ripa di Meana conceded, however, the other day that the only agreement that he will be able to pack in his briefcase for the Rio conference will be that the Community's states are considering" a tax.

Equally importantly, the Community will make the introduction of a carbon tax conditional on similar taxes being levied in America and Japan. Until last month, this crucial point had been left vague. But at a

meeting in Estoril, Signor Ripa di Meana finally said that any unilateral introduction of a tax would be

the bills for assuaging the environ-

mental guilt of richer northern

states. The EC commission, which

has not yet issued a detailed carbon tax proposal, is itself divided be-

tween the rival claims of economic

allies but many millions of citizens

behind him, argues that ideas of

economic progress must be adapted

to ecological prudence. Jacques

Delors and a majority of his col-

leagues are reluctant to hobble Eu-

ropean industry with extra costs just as the 1992 single market may

bring economic equality with Amer-

Similar debates take place be-

tween the government departments

in Whitehall. Michael Heseltine's

environment department is con-

vinced that global warming cannot

be tackled without a fundamental

switch to fiscal methods. The Trea-

sury is instinctively sceptical and

waiting to judge the fine print of the

EC commission's draft directive —

which is due to be published at the

end of April — and its possible

Public protest and consumer pres-

sure on the environment tends to

focus on scientists' most recent reve-

lations. The year opened with a

batch of measurements of the hole

in the ozone layer over the Antarctic

that showed it was bigger than

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ica and Japan closer.

Signor Ripa di Meana, with few

growth and environmental rescue.

'very costly". He said: "I could not now frankly suggest that. If we face a blank refusal (from America and Japan) then we would have to reconsider".

Last year, Signor Ripa di Meana was talking of Europe taking "leadership on the world environmental stage" from America. A definite decision to impose carbon taxes would be a "turning point" in EC efforts to repair eco-damage. But the course of the ensuing debate inside the Community has revealed some of the deepest philosophical gulfs that currently split the 12 states.

uch of the opposiwas expected to come -from Britain, always touchy about the EC moving in on fiscal matters, but Britain has merely asked the same questions posed by most other governments: how much will it cost? The Spanish government not only asked that question but said that any likely answer would be too high.

Madrid has served notice that since the weakest European economies are going to have to struggle to keep up with the leaders of the drive towards a single currency, they are not going to saddle themselves with ures on the likely global increases ineye cataracts and skin cancers. Weird and previously unknown mutations in small creatures and plants are being reported by scien-At the end of last month, EC environment ministers agreed in

now confident enough to put out fig-

principle to a new schedule for eliminating chlorofluorocarbons and substitutes by the end of 1995. coming into line with an initiative taken a few weeks before by Britain. Denmark and Germany. In this field, the scientific argument is over and the bargaining is about cost and speed. The schedule-makers find large multinationals adapt quickly and profitably, to new rules but smaller firms cannot keep up.

The bulk of CFCs are used in refrigerators, but other "ozone-depleters" are used in fire-fighting equipment, insulating foam and for deaning precision engineering and circuit boards. The United Nations has just released a study analysing the practical implications of trying to eliminate every ozone-depleting substance within the next few years.

The study, co-chaired by a British environment department official. concludes that even in developing countries consumption of virtually all CFCs and halons can be ended by 1995-7. Phasing them out too fast may, however, bring other environmental risks or increase risks to human health. Substitutes and alternatives, the report cautions, should be submitted to rigorous testing and need to be available in

adequate quantity.

ICI, the largest manufacturer of CFCs and substitutes in Britain, estimates that, in this country alone, the cost of the change for producing and consuming firms is between £10 billion and £15 billion. Mike Harris, the regulations manager in the firm's fluorochemicals division, says ICI can close its CFC plants by the end of 1995 and that phase-out can be speeded up in some areas. But he says that environmentally friendly substitutes are currently available for only 5 per cent of demand. That poses serious problems for

changing the medical aerosols used by asthmatics. New sprays, which do not use CFCs, have been designed but they have to pass years of safety testing before production can start. There are difficulties in pro-ducing a safe substitute for chemicals to clean aircraft gyroscopes. No civil airliner may take off from a British airport without a halon fire extinguishing system. Adequate substitutes are not yet available in quantity.

'It is not impossible to find other says Mr Harris. "It is worthwhile spending that money. In the long term it is a good investment. Right now, in the middle of the biggest recession of the century, I don't think that our governments are going to be subsidising the change. Where do you find £10-£15 billion?" ICI might spend 1 or 2 per cent of that, leaving the remaining 98 per cent to be found by smaller firms. Some of them are still in blissful ignorance of what is happening.

# THE TIMES THE

### Bowater trio win by a neck

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man of Bowater and a man not normally known for his sartorial elegance, shocked the City yesterday - when he spoke about its £444 million acquisition and £333 million rights issue — by abandoning his customary wool waistcoat and appearing in a lurid paisley and floral tie. The effect was magnified by the presence of finance director Michael Harmell, in an equally loud orange and yellow neck tie, and chief executive David Lyon, who was similarly attired. The catalyst behind this dramatic transformation was Lyon's Alabama-born wife Lillis. "She has been privy to all that has been going on here for several months and she thought that we had all had such a hard time that, when the deal was finally complete. we ought to feel good about ourseives," explains Lyon. She went off and carefully selected one tie for each of us, and the first I knew of it was on Sunday night." The delighted Ireland cast off his waist coat at the meeting so that the tie could be fully appreciated. "He particularly likes daffodils but Lillis couldn't find a tie with daffodils on it — so he had to settle for yellow flowers instead." Lyon adds.

## Back to the Mile

THE partnership that runs Phoenix Securities — the corporate finance company that John Craven, chairman of Morgan Grenfell, helped to found - will have its numbers boosted to seven next week, when Michael Butt returns to



"Here's a new one — 'run into by a motorway bridge' . . . "

the Square Mile with a vengeance. Butt, aged 49, and the ex-chairman of Sedgwick, the insurance and broking arm of Sedgwick Group, resigned from his subsequent position as the chairman and chief executive of Eagle Star, BAT's insurance subsidiary, in September. A comment in the Financial Times' Lex column at the time described him as a "victim of a belated reaction by a parent struggling to vindicate a flawed overall strategy." Butt, well regarded in the City, joins Phoenix Partnership as an equity partner. "It's my 50th birthday on May 25 and I wanted to get this all resolved before then," says Butt. In his new corporate finance guise he will, he adds, concentrate on the insurance and broking sector. "It is certainly a change, but in a way I am going back to my roots," says Butt. His very first job, post Oxford, was with Samuel Montagu, but he was swiftly transferred to Bland Welch,

its insurance division, which

eventually merged with Sedgwick Forbes. The intro-duction to Phoenix came, indirectly, via Insead, Europe's answer to Harvard Business School Craven is chairman of Insead's council and Andrew Large, a Phoenix non-executive director -due to become chairman of the SIB in June - is also an Insead old boy.

Old school ties

### THE old school tie network is

alive and thriving in, of all places, Liverpool. Eric Tomlinson, aged 44, co-founder of Silkbarn, the Liverpool investment managen advice group — which has a second office in London has been left to run the firm on his own, after the departure of his partner Michael Hope. Hope has joined another Liverpool firm, Rathbone, taking many clients with him. Undeterred, Tomlinson, in his hour of need, has recruited the services of Ralph Osborne, a former UBS Phillips & Drew gilt-edged market maker. He reveals that Osborne, once a partner of Liverpool gilts job-ber Moulsdale — which P&D bought - went to school with him, at the Liverpool Institute. Another fellow pupil, even better known, was Beetle Paul McCartney. "I was in the first year when he was in the sixth," recalls Tomlinson. Osborne, in his new job, will be turning his back on gilts and concentrating instead on fund management. "We want to expand our client base through personal contacts," explains Tomlinson. "Yes, we are looking to recruit more people, but they will have to be people who can bring with them.

CAROL LEONARD

### Market forces benefit consumers

From F.G. de L. Rutherford Sir. Mr Potter (Business News, February 28) discourages the importation of cheap coal because he feels that PowerGen should use the more expensive British coal. Why? So that they are forced to charge more for electricity and put up the costs of those industries that are profitable? To deny access to the cheapest products is to de-

fraud the consumer. If there are to be casualties in our moribund domestic industries, it is because their time has come. The financial and

### No regrets

From J.W. Smith Sir, Much has been said and written about the blessings of wider share ownership — no doubt with a view to strengthening the free enterprise

### Back to basics

From W.R. Greatrex

Sir, Auto manufacturers are losing money, curing back their labour forces and yet still speaking of "increasing productivity" as the solution. Does no one realise that, as cars have become better-made, they therefore, with

careful maintenance, can last longer? Style means much less than reliability and economy, and the greatest economy of all is to retain one's present car for another year, or two, or five; ask the parents of any young family striving to live within their means; ask

### human resources thus re-

leased can then go into those enterprises producing goods and services that people actu-

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ally want to buy.
It is depressing that the simple economics of the free market are so misunderstood in this country. The people of the Far East have profited hugely by our myopia; the newly liberated industries of Eastern Europe are next in

Yours faithfully. F.G. de L. Rutherford. Friese Greene House, 7 Chelsea Manor St, SW3.

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explanation or regret from the directors or chief execu-

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for the loss suffered by their

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Yours faithfully,

J.W. SMITH,

directors and accountants.

But can the wage earner confidently invest hardearned savings, when there is so much fraud and incompetence on the part of those with whom he is encouraged by the government to entrust money? Nor is any safeguard really provided by "indepen-

### any pensioner, of whom there will be more and more each

Thus the market for new cars in the developed coun-

tries will continue to shrink. One solution might be for a British company to switch production to one, basic, notrills product (as Henry Ford did with his Model T) and attempt to capture the Eastern European market, before Japan does.

Yours truly, W.R. GREATREX, The Highlands, Great Doward,

# Treasures from

the Revenue From Mrs C.M. Bingham

Sir, I treasure (despite his consequent fees) a recent letter from my accountant, commenting on the third or fourth revised assessment of my tax liability, and containing the memorable phrase 'needless to say, the Revenue have got it wrong again".

Now I have added a gem of a different kind, from the

On January 13, I wrote by first class post to Cumber-nauld, enclosing a very large cheque. On February 24, I received a form letter, dated February 11. It begins, "Thank you for your commu-nication of (blank)". The box ticked below is "The matter is receiving attention and a reply will be issued in due

One wonders how much it cost, in paper, postage and clerical time, to send this entirely useless letter.

Yours faithfully, C.M. BINGHAM, Word \$kills, 24A Church Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

### Capital choice From R.W. Fryer

Sir, I welcome Professor Eilon's letter (Business News, February 27) proposing to equate capital allowances with depreciation provisions. However, this would have to be an optional alternative to the present allowances, which were introduced in 1946 when, as now, capital expenditure needed to be encouraged but profits might not justify large depreciation

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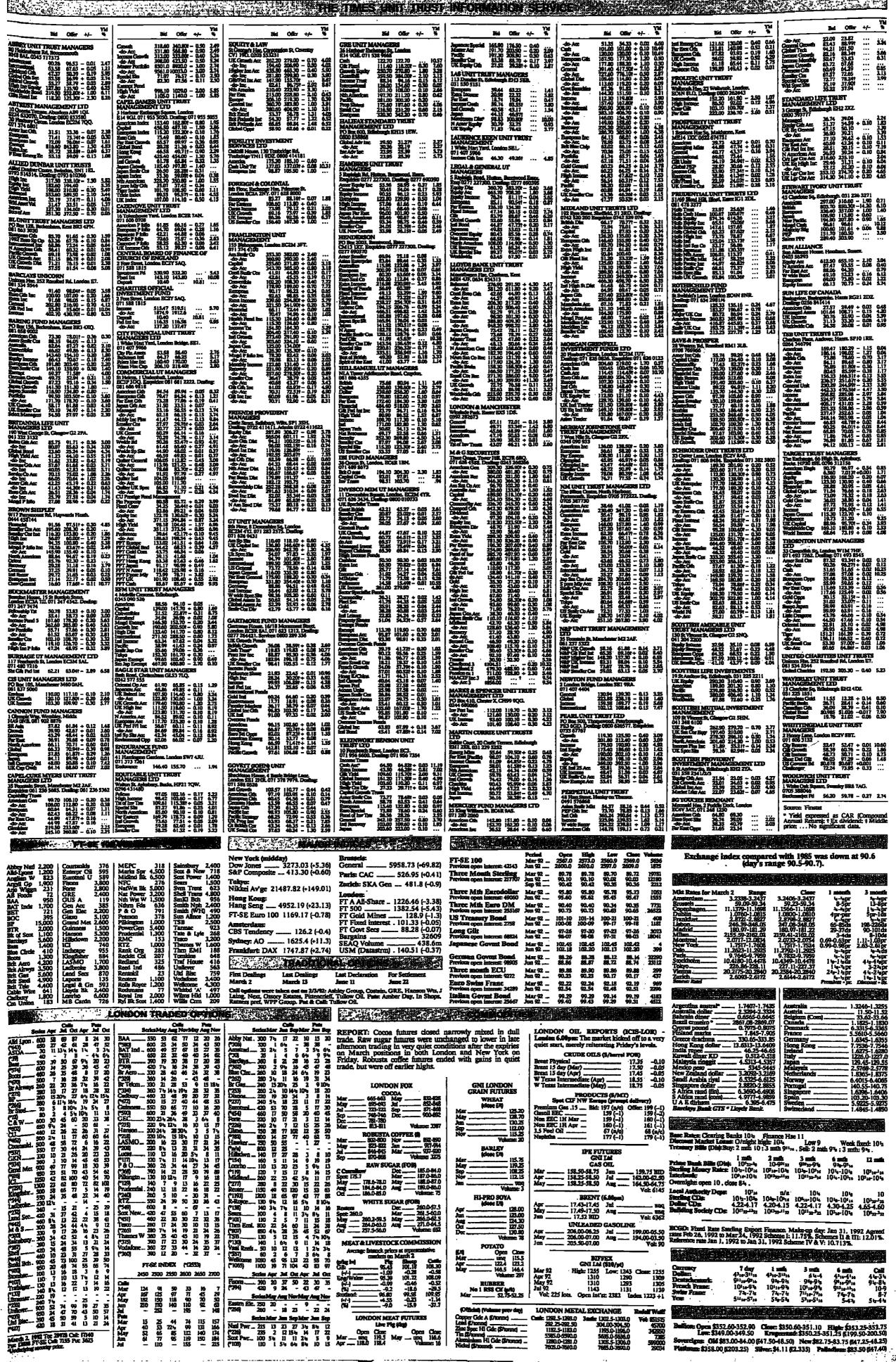
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# Pipe's team combines mints and muscle



The Trebor mint lorry arrived at Martin Pipe's yard shortly before lunchtime yesterday, loaded down with Cheltenham supplies. One hundred and sixty eight boxes of the variety without a hole — one for every horse at Pond House — or 121,000 mints in total may just last until the Festival is

Around the corner a washing machine, big enough to fill some kitch-ens, whirred non-stop. Like its owner, the £4,000 detergent-eating monster rarely has a break as it attempts to wash its way through the endless supply of dirty rugs and racing kit. The sheer size of the Pipe

operation is mind-bog-gling. Next week he will probably have 27 horses running at Cheltenham, including five in both the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle and the Coral Gold-

It is doubtful if any trainer has ever had a stronger presence at National Hunt Not bad for the West Country lad who arrived at the run-down Devon yard 17 years ago with a handful of selling platers.

Quantity is not every-

thing, but it gives me a chance," he said yesterday. The opportunity on offer at Prestbury Park is for Pipe to join the greats. Champion trainer he may be, and continue to be for years to come. But Pipe knows history beckons as he attempts the rarest of post-war doubles — the Gold Cup and Champion

"I was walking about the "I was walking about the yard the other evening thinking 'we have got the favourites in the Gold Cup and Champion Hurdle' and I am still not happy. But I suppose I will be happy if I win both of them. It's a paragraph position to be in nervous position to be in but we are the ones people have got to beat."

Carvill's Hill, 556 kilos of controlled power, emerges from his stable and physically swamps Pipe's two other festival stars, Granville Again and Miinnehoma. A few of those 121,000 mints quickly dis-appear as television crews zoom in and Pipe gives in-terviews one after the othprofessionally.

"He would not touch mints when he first came here, but now he loves them. Horses love titbits and mints in particular. It helps horses relax and they know we are friends."

o amount of mints, whatever their powers, could have transformed Carvill's Hill from a talented but mistake prone chaser into one of the shortest-priced Gold Cup favourites for years. A revealing insight into

which has rejuvenated Carvill's Hill was given by Eddie Buckley, his regular work rider. "When he arrived here the muscle in his near-hind quarter was wasted, so we had to build that up. We put heavy shoes weighing four ounces on his near-hind foot and six ounces in the boot and lunged him on a long rein over logs about two feet

"Until the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow we used to do it every afternoon for 30 to 45 mintues, and it did the trick. We still do it occaordinary shoes on."

The rebuilding of Carvill's Hill is now complete and although Pipe would like to see some rain before next Thursday, his confidence remains high. Asked if he will win on Thursday week, Pipe is un-equivocal. We hope he will put up a very good performance. He is the one they have to beat. The answer is

Carvill's Hill will complete his preparation on Saturday with a final piece of work under the shadow of the nearby Blackdown Hills. "Then all we need is just a bit of luck."

At the beginning of the season, Pipe was not sure that Granville Again was ready to take on his full-brother. Morley Street, and other timber toppers, in the Champion Hurdle. "He has earned the right by doing nothing wrong and winning his races easily. He has grown up from a boy into a

Next week could see his handler go down in racing folklore. Pipe, his wife Car-ol, and Dave Pipe, the trainer's father, deserve

**RUGBY UNION** 

# Five nations event may use video in appeals procedure

THE five nations' championship countries are to consider the introduction of an appeals procedure as part of the disciplinary process applied to the event. This was discussed at the weekend meeting in London of the five nations committee, just a fortnight after the unhappy events during the France match against England when two French forwards were

It was agreed that, in the interests of justice, such a procedure — probably involving the use of video evidence -would be a positive step. "If people are to be suspended

for six or seven months it may be that we must consider this," Denis Easby, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) rep-

secretary of the French federation, pointed out that an appeals procedure was built into the World Cup disciplinary structure. Martin carried to the meeting a message from Bernard Lapasset, the French body's president, regretting what had happened during the recent internation-al and expressing the hope that the reputation of the tournament overall had not

However, the omission of

Keyes, the leading points-scorer of the World Cup, sug-

gests a place for either Barry,

capped as a replacement

Rugby Football Union.

BARBARIANS: D Pears (hintequins and England). R Wallace (Garryowen and Iroland). I Wallace (Garryowen and Iroland). I Globe (Swanses and Walles). R Macisen (Moseley). M Tatey (Swanses and Walles). N Berry (Garryowen and Iroland). M Bradley (Cork Constitution and Iroland). M Bradley (Cork Constitution and Iroland). D Sole (Edinburgh Academicals and Scotland). A Lamenton (Lienall). J Probyn (Waspe and England). R Wall-wright (Sainburgh Academicals and Scotland). R Goodey (Pontypool). N Francis (Siackrock College and Iroland). C Huteh (Portypool). D Richards (Laiceater and England).

# Barbarians turn to **Probyn and Sole**

WITH a mischievous sense of humour, the Barbarians have invited Jeff Probyn and David Sole to prop their pack in the annual Mobbs memorial match against the East Midlands at Nonhampton on March 11. Not much love has been lost between them. but on this occasion they are two of 11 internationals in the side, a group which in-cludes Nicky Barry, the Garryowen stand-off half. who was named vesterday in an Irish training squad of 38. Ireland are not involved in this weekend's round of championship matches, but the team to play France on March 21 will be named on Sunday morning, after a trial match at Lansdowne Road

on Saturday. The enlarged squad does not include Ralph Keyes, the stand-off half, whose play against Scotland attracted such criticism. Ken Reid, the lrish team manager, said: We just want to look at some other players and it doesn't mean we won't be bringing Keyes to Dublin on Sunday."

no doubt the French seek consistency; that where comparable incidents occur in matches involving only Britresentative, said. ish teams — as has happened Marcel Martin, the general twice this season - the punishments should be seen to be the same. "We have every intention of putting our house into such order that we can play a big part in international rugby," Martin said

sterday.
"But we must be given time
the whole of the French hierarchy is new this year - and help, in the form of referee and coaching exchanges. Also we must be given a good example. Sometimes it's difficult to explain to my fellow countrymen why a player has to be sent off when, for the same type of offence, a

British player is not sent off." France will send a newcomer to the five nations' champ-ionship. Marc Desclaux, from Béarne, to referee the Wales-Scotland international on March 21, their only championship appointment this season. Desclaux has replaced Rene Hourquet on

the French panel. wing in Namibia last sum-The four home unions also mer, or Vincent Cunningdiscussed the incoming Ausham, the two specialist standtralian tour to Ireland and off halves in the squad, or Derek McAleese, of Bally-Wales this autumn, and the British Isles visit to New Zeamena, who has been among land in 1993, when there the replacements this season. may be some debate on the Probyn, meanwhile, has atnumber of internationals tracted the spotlight for his public criticism of Arthur played. The New Zealand union would like three of the Savage, the Midland referee 13 matches to be internationwho handled the league als, with the final match match between Wasps. against an Anzac XV; the home unions consider that Probyn's club, and London Irish on Saturday. Probyn either two internationals and stated his intention of writing the Anzacs or three internaa letter of complaint to the

tionals would be preferable. In a subsequent meeting, the four home unions discussed a common interpretation of the amateur regulations and a working party is to be established to help towards this. There are different views but we are much closer than when we met last June," Dudley Wood, the

# **Father on** the run for sake of his son



JOHN Nugent will be run ning for more than just pride in the ADT London Marathon. He will be running to raise money to cover the costs of sending his son, Graham, to the Winter Paralympics in Tignes, France, on March

spina bifida and hydrocephalus. He did not walk until he was seven years old but four years ago, at the age of 17, he decided he was unfit, overweight and bored. He set his heart on learning to ski and reaching the Paralympics. Last year he entered his

first competitive race, the Swiss . championships, and came away with two bronze medals, despite racing in the LW9 class, the closest competitive class to able-bodied athletes. Since then Graham has not looked back, training regularly at Harlow ski school and taking part in four championships this season.

While walking is less than easy for Graham, once on skis he is a speed merchant, the downhill being his favour-ite discipline. Racing without riggers and with the tips of his skis tied together to prevent them crossing, he feels he has a good chance of a medal in Tignes.

in this year's All England championships he finished fourth in the disabled section and 27th overall.

But with all-important competitions to attend, costs are mounting. The Nugents have spent around £1,200 on Graham's Olympic prepara-tions this year alone. His father, John, was made redundant last August and having run eight marathons for various charities he thought Graham's Olympic fund should benefit this time. Nugent senior used to run

for Hornsey Harriers but

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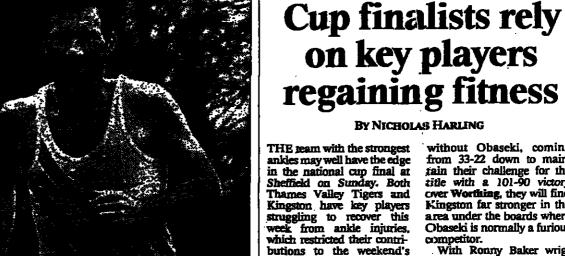
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second and third.

realised he was never going to be a world beater and settled for Sunday league football.

Now, having just celebrat-ed his fiftieth birthday, he is delighted with his son's success. "When Graham first took up skiing and was so determined to be selected I thought 'great, at least we'll get one Nugent into the Olympics.' "

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Carlsberg League fixtures.

Mike Obaseki did not play.

The 6ft 8in England international was not even kitted out for Thames Valley's game against Worthing but he is, at least, off his crutches and has had a week more to recover. The Kingston pair, Colin Irish and Carl Miller, were both hurt in Sunday's 103-90 win at the bottom club, Cheshire Jets. Miller sat out the second half, during which Irish hobbled off. With all three players sweating this week on specialists' reports, a final could easily be billed by

"survival of the fittest." Although Tigers won well

on key players regaining fitness

By NICHOLAS HARLING

**BASKIETBALL** 

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without Obaseki, coming from 33-22 down to maintain their challenge for the title with a 101-90 victory over Worthing, they will find Kingston far stronger in the area under the boards where Obaseki is normally a furious

With Ronny Baker wriggling inside the home defence at will, Dale Shackleford and Mark Scott capitalised on those "easy shots" only for Worthing to concede the first eight points of the second half to lose their half-time advan-

tage of 46-42. [Kingston's 117-78 win over a Derby Bucks team missing both its player-coach. Terry Manghum, and Clarence Wiggins, was followed by Sunday's lethargic 103-90 success over Cheshine In the battle for minor play-

off | placings, Birmingham besit Manchester 93-92. Logidon Towers had rather more to spare, winning 105-84 sit Hemel Hempstead.

ICE HOCKEY

# Panthers put paid to Durham's run

assured of the title, surrendered their record Heineken League premier division run of 27 games without defeat when they lost 7-6 at Nottingham Panthers, their nearest challengers (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). Two goals by Dan Dorion, helped his side to a 4-0 lead in the first period on Saturday, and he scored another in the 35th minute to put them ahead 6-2. Although Durham levelled at 6-6 with four minutes left, Simon Hunt

scored the winner. The following night, Dur-ham crushed their local rials, Billingham Bombers, 18-5, Rick Brebant taking his points for the season to 150 with seven goals and two assists. Nottingham had to travel to Cardiff Devils without the injured Dorion and

ishing in second place when they were defeated 6-2.

In the first division, Slough hauling Fife Flyers recede when they slipped to an 11-8 defeat: against Telford Tigers, for whom Dominic Hardy scored five. Whitley Warriors carried off the Cap ital Feiods Scottish Cup.

Munrayfield Racers have confirmed they will appeal against life bans imposed on their coach, Leo Koopmans, and player, Roger Hunt, by the British Ice Hockey Association.

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### **REAL TENNIS**

### Snow's power is too much for Americans

THE world No. 1 amaieur. Julian Snow, won the United States amateur championship with a display of sustained power and accuracy against the talented Morris Clothier in Boston (Saily Jones writes).

Snow, who dropped only two games in his semi-final against Berkeley Douglas, of the United States, had to fight harder against Clothier, the American No. 1, a fine all-rounder who retrieved well. But the outcome was never in doubt. Snow's consistency, greater tactical awareess and severely cut ground strokes kept his opponent under pressure.

PESULTS: Semi-finaie (US unless stated): J Snow (CB) bt B Douglas, 64, 64, 6-2, M Clothier bt G Bell, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Snow bt Clothier, 6-9, 6-4, 8-1.

# Everton a good bet

EVERTON are goal-shy at home: Oldham Athletic are goal-shy away. It seems the perfect formula for a draw and the case is strengthened by Everton's home results. Oueen's Park Rangers are the only team in the League to have drawn more home games than Everton's seven.

Luton Town may be third from bottom of the first division but their home record is nothing to be ashamed about. It is unlikely to be spoilt by Crystal Palace, who lost on Saturday and could only draw with the same opponents at Selhurst Park last week. Another draw is on the

Oxford United have suddenly come to life after looking certain to go down. Their improvement was emphasised by their away draw against the second division leaders, Blackburn Rovers, on Saturday, and they can obtain a similar result in their home fixture against Swindon Town.

In the third division, Peterborough United, unbeaten in their last 11 League matches, are tipped to continue their hot streak by drawing at Bournemouth. Peterborough's only recent serback was being knocked out of the Rumbelows Cup quarter-final by the second division promotion contenders, Middlesbrough. Bournemouth, however, are also in good form, with successive victories over Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion. and Exeter City.

Yeovil Town v Wycombe Wanderers is the most confident treble chance selection of my five in the GM Vauxhall

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Maivern among them, are well under way. Malvern did well to hold the talented Liandovery side to 12-4. Llandovery, who contribute just one player to the Wales 18 group side, have lost only once this season. Coleraine AI, following a

Merchiston Castle, 21-14.

27-3 second-round victory over Friends School, are favoured for the Ulster Schools Cup. Other second-round ties . included Methodist College beating Pottadown 17-10,

SCHOOLS RUGBY

# Academy strike notable form

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

DOLLAR Academy, proba-Londonderry College prevailing 31-10 over Bangor GS, Royal Belfast AI losing 18bly the strongest school in Scotland this winter, are still 10 to Belfast Royal Academy unbeaten after 12 matches and Campbell accounting for Armagh Royal School, 27-3, and have recently added two fine victories to their already Results of the quarter-finals impressive collection, with dewere: Methodist 20, Campfeats of Loretto, 43-18, and bell 7; Wallace HS 14, Ballyclare HS 6; Bangor GS 28, The Lent term schools, Omagh Academy 0; Coleraine AI 12. Belfast Royal Academy 0.

RGS High Wycombe, who meet Mount St Mary's in the semi-finals of the Daily Mail under-18 cup, have finished their season with 22 wins from 25 matches, scoring 549 points with 151 against Their best wins were against Emanuel (25-12), Aylesbury GS (13-9) and Portsago GS (15-12): the only sides to

beat them were John Fisher,

Windsow GS and Belvedere College

Old Swinford Hospital enjoyed a successful summer tour of Canada and a good season followed. They lost five matches, four of them narrowly, won 18, and had one draw, with a points count of 490 scored to 187 conceded. They beat Densione, 28-3, King Edward, Birmingham, 8-3, and Warwick, 13-12. Daniel Jamieson, a flanker, and Richard Greasley, the No. 8 and captain, have been

outstanding. The St Andrew's Scots School, from Buenos Aires. lost two matches to the frost on their totar, against Mount St Mary's and Lothian Select, but beat Wirral GS. Strathalian , Loudon Schools and Ekhani College. FOLLOWING that indifferent performance in the Rac-

ing Post Chase at Kempton ten days ago. Combernere

can pick up the winning thread at Warwick by landing

the Culinaire Crudwell Cup

Even though he had won a

valuable handicap chase over

three miles at Ascot previous-

ly. it was always on the cards

that Combermere would find

Kempton too sharp in a fast-

run race, especially since he was also bib out of the

Today, in a field headed by

Woodgate, he should be more

at ease since he will be racing

over three miles and five fur-

longs on softish ground. When Combernere won

the Johnny Clay Memorial Chase at Chepstow in Janu-

ary, the overall conditions

were similar. On that occa-

sion he drew clear of Yiragan

and Mister Christian to win

second and third beating him

this time as the handicapper

Woodgate, Bigsun, Rubika and Team Challenge are the

Grand National entries in-

past, was a bitter disappoint-

ners for the season advanced

to eight with a double, for the

fourth successive week, at the

Duke of Beaufort's point-to

A 25-length win on Spring

Fun was followed up in the

first division of the restricted

with last week's Mendip

Farmers maiden winner.

Far the most impressive

performance here, however,

was Rushing Wild, who made

all to win the open in the

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Combermere to pick

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS . .

behind David's Duky over

this course and distance four

weeks ago, while Bigsun has

looked a shadow of his former

self this season even though

he did manage a win in a

four-horse race at Sandown

coveted trophy 12 months

ago, enters the tray again having been let down by his

poor jumping at Newcastle last time when he finished

While Team Challenge and Bit Of A Clown are both

strong on stamina and in-

Frost: fancied Warwick

Alner celebrates another double

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

The second success was not

so easy with the five-year-old

Baron's Heir just holding off

The day's most successful

rider was Andrew Hickman

with a four-timer on Profii-

gate, Pike's Glory. Sir Wager

Mid Surrey Farmers.

and The Lager Lout at the

George Cooper, at the

Cambridge University, won

his third race this season, on

Carl's Choice. In a good club

RMC qualifier here,

and rider Justin Farthing.

Kind Of Magic.

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JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 19 winners from 118 rides, 16.1%; G Carter, 8 from 58, 13.5%; A Shoutte, 4 from 29, 13.6%; M Hills, 7 from 58, 12.5%; T Quinn, 22 from 188, 11.7%; G Duffield, 5 from 45, 11.1%. RESUMES FIDE WEST RECOMMENDED

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£4.10. CS-10. DF: £18.30. CSF: £21.96.
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Applianceoteciscience (K Hartnett, 6-1); 2. Drebel Prince (10-1); 3. Little Big (11-4). Va Ltu 7-4 (av. 13 ran. Hd. 81. A Reid. Tale: £3.20. £2.40. £4.70. £2.80. DF: £45.30. CSF: £71.00. No bid.
2.30. (2m 30vd helis) 1. Tomahawk (D 3.30 (2m 30yd hdie) 1, Tomahawk (D Methewe, 47 tev); 2, Galway Star (3-1); 3, Alosalik (12-1), 5 ran. Nk, dist. R Holder. Leicester

Going: good (soft petchee)
2.20 (2m 4t ch) 1, Cuttane (Nr J Greenell, 20-1); 2, Breenamore (11-1); 3, Porter's Song (10-1), Credit Cut 8-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Zakernal, 7, 8t. Mas C Saunders, Tote: £33.60; £2.70, £3.50, £2.40. DF: £198.10, CSF: £203.01.
2.50 (2m ch) 1, Relekto (Mr M Felton, 5-1); 2, Luvankias (16-1); 3, Vulgers Love (20-1), Knockumahin, Katervite 4-1 jirlavs. 18 ran. 12, 10t. M Felton, Tete: £5.00; £2.10, £4.30, £13.80. DF: £35.00; £2.10, £4.30, £13.80. DF: £35.00; £35.01; 2. Why 8o Hesty (50-1); 3, Canon Class (25-1), River House 5-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Septe House. 10, 12t. Mar I McKle. Tote: £10.80; £2.60, £10.60, £10.10. DF: £422.40. CSF: £232.30. Tricast: £7213.05. 3.60 (3m ch) 1, Well Game (Mr A Hil, 2-5 fav); 2, Busted Spring (10-1); 3, Kate's Girl (10-1); 6 ran. Dist, 114.1 J Delandote. Tote: £1.30; £1.30, £4.20. DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.74. Going: good (soft patches) 4.20 (3m ch) 1, Jasez (Mr C Wilson, 33-1); 2, Final Spring (14-1); 3, Chance Buy (12-

1). Radical Views 9-4 fav. 20 ran. 10l, 8l. kins A Swinbank. Tote: 288.60; 210.30, 22.60, 23.40. DF: 2265.10, CSF: 2400.12. 4.50 (2m. 4f ch) 1, Loch Blue (kir C Burnett-Wells, 16-1); 2, Lishay Lad (16-1); 3, King Neon (11-4). Pastorni Pride 11-8 fav. 15 ran. 8t, 4l. S Dow. Tote: 233.40; 28.90, 21.20. DF: 2418.10. CSF: 2223.57.

Placepot: Not won. Pool of £8,048.35 carried forward to Warwick today.

Southwell

Going: standard Going: standard.
2.10 (2m hole) 1. Domain (R Supple, 13-2); 2. Carabali Dancer (11-8 fav); 3. Ragtime (3-1). 8 fan. NR: Bay Tam. 4l. 1/4. R Wester. Tote; 25:30: 22:00, E1.70. DF: £11,10. CSF: £15.69. Tricast: £28.65. Deep Flash (26-1) came under orders but deemed a non-starter, states refunded. 2.40 (2m hole) 1. Solid (D Walsh, 4-1); 2. Old Peg (3-4); 3. Walch Tower Bay (4-5 fav), 5 fan. 5i, dat. J. Jenkims. Tota: £5.00; £1.30. £1.50. DF: £4.70. L Marchant CV Wanker. 3.10 (2m 21 hole) 1. Marchant CV Wanker. 21.30, 21.50, DF: 24.70, CSF: 212.83, 3.10 (2m 21 hdis) 1, Merchant Of Venice (R Campbel, 13-2); 2, MBy Black (12-1); 3, Fishir Tarske (10-11 tay), 11 ran, 151, ML M Tompkins, Tota: 23.50; 21.10, £150, £1.50, £1.50, £2.50, DF: 268.10, SSF: 27.10, 3.40 (2m 61 hdis) 1, Noddie (R Merley, 8-11 fay); 2, Eartham (3-1); 3, Free Mint (3-1); 8 ran, 124, 61, Liango, Tota: £1.70, £1.00, £3.80, £4.40, DF: £5.20, CSF: £7.42, 4.10 (2m 41 hdis) 1, Mine Lever (1); 1 27.42.
4.10 (2m 44 hdis) 1, Miss Lawn (D J Burchell, 6-4 tsv); 2, Locherte (4-1); 3, Holt Place (7-4), 5 mn. Hd, 20t. D Burchell, Tote: 22.80; 51.60, 51.40, DF: 53.00, CSF: 27.49.
4.40 (2m flat) 1, Sparrow Hell (D Sulliven, 6-4 tav); 2, Country Lad (2-1); 3, Instito (18-1), 7 mn. St, dist. Jenny Fitzgerald, Tote: 22.10; 51.10, 51.80, DF: 52.80, CSF: 64.89.
Placeanot 518.10.

Placepot: £18.10.

MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 2.00 Camelot Knight. 2.00 Bishops Island. 3.00 COMBERMERS 2.00 Master Of Troy. 2.30 Arthurs Stone. 3.00 Combernere. 2.30 Arthurs Stone. 3.00 Combermere. 3.30 Gaelstrom. 4.00 EASTERN 3.30 Zealous Kitten. 4.00 Eastern Destiny. 4.30 Bounden Duty. 5.00 Smith's Gamble. DESTINY (nap) 4.30 Bounden Duty. 5.00 Mediane. Brian Beel: 4.00 Eastern Destiny.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

form too, they are unlikely to

beat Combernere on these

The safest bet on the War-

in races won by Hawthorn Blaze and Mighty Mogul at

Newbury and Towcester, I

still marginally prefer Came-lot Knight, who was runner-

up to the unbeaten Native

David Jones dies

Cheltenham nursing home. Jones, aged 84, rode profes-

sionally for 47 years, winning his first race in October 1925

and was still riding work 18

In the same sponsor's race

at the East Devon, Janine

Mills just got Millstreak up to

beat Linda Blackford on the

Final Chant, who had

chased Dun Gay Lass home

on his last outing in a hunter

chase at Kelso, remined to

racing between the flags at

the Simmington to win the

Philip Scholfield's double

at the South Cornwall, on

Confused Express and

Sportsnews, kept him level

pegging with Ainer at the top

of the riders' table.

3.40 VASCO DA GAMA MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,186: 1m 2f) (11)

4.10 MARCO POLO HANDICAP

4.40 CABOT HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2,324: 1m 5f) (12)

2-1 Scots Law, 3-1 Serum, 4-1 Beau Dada, 6-1 Dutch Czarina, 8-1 Ousen Of Dreams, 10-1 Wileys Folly, 12-1 others.

3 040 - BAPPENOR CHANG 146 (G) P Brookey 511.2 K Green (S) 9
4 010 - CHOSEY PLACE 115 (B,C,F,S) M Hyeres 6 101.3
5 -050 PRICELESS FANYASY 3 (F,G,S) Ptr Michael 510.7
Lucy Gleyzer (S) 7
6 50-0 CUALITARE SWEETIE 39 (F) J Bottomby 5-10.7
Alexan Dunks 63.3

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wick card, though, is surely that sprightly 14-year-old Eastern Destiny, who is nap-ped to win the Varley Hibbs 2.00 WATERGALL MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,934: 2m 5f) (25 runners) Hunters' Chase. After making a successful start to the current campaign at Hereford, Eastern Destiny then recorded his fifth course win last month. The winner of the Water-gall Maiden Hurdle should A Webb
C Lipwellyn
S J O'Nell
Mr R Devis (7)
S Covery
J Writes come from a short list com-prising Bishops Island, Cam-elot Knight and Sworded Well as Bishops Island and Sworded Knight have shaped

BETTING: 4-1 Bishope Island, 9-2 Camelot Knight, 11-2 High Baron, 8-1 Sworded Knight, 10-1 others. 1991: JUST AS I AM 8-11-2 A Molholland (9-1) S Christian 25 ran

FORM FOCUS BISHOPS ISLAND 10! 3rd of 14 to Hewthorn Bizza in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 4f 100yd, good).

STONE SI 2rd of 10 to Rutha Pride in a novice hurdle at Stratiford (2m, good). SWORDED XMBRT 25 7th of CAMELOT KNIGHT 3912 2nd of 18 to Mainter Pride in a 18 to Mainter Pride in a Stratiford (2m, good). SWORDED XMBRT 25 7th of 18 to Mainter Novice hurdle at Bengor (2m 4f, good to soft). It is a novice hurdle at Bengor (2m 4f, good to soft). In a novice hurdle at Chepatow (2m, soft). PICKET-

The former jockey David Jones, winner of the 1945 Cheltenham Gold Cup on Red Rower, has died in a 2.30 EMSCOTT CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,565: 2m) (17 runners) 

Long handicep: Beautim 9-13, Mileolin 9-12, Taylors Castle 9-12, Captain Mennering 9-8, Thatchenne 9-7, Light-Hearted Ledy 9-3, Arapeho Chief 8-7, Red Planet 8-5. BETTING: 9-2 Safty's Dove, 5-1 Taylors Castle, 11-2 Herry Lime, 7-1 Arthurs Stone, 8-1 Vilope Bay, Captain Mannering, 10-1 Away From Reality, Al Sahit, 14-1 Thatchenne, 16-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS				
HARRY LIME put up best recent effort when 4½ 3rd of 8 to L'Ucato Piu in a handicap hurdle at Devon (2m 11, good to firm). BH-KEEPHAR 2% 3rd of 7 to Spanish Whisper in a handicap hurdle at Fatsenham (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimete shart. SAL-LY'S DOVE 1714 th of 17 to Fatsways On Target in a handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f, good). AL SAHIL. 15½ 8th of 10 to Tapp Martner in a novice hardle at Folkestone (2m 100yd, soft).	AWAY FROM REALITY 22 8th of 21 to Va Lute in a claiming hunde at Wincanton (2m, good). TAYLORS CASTLE 72 2nd of 11 to Dencing Lagend in a selling handicap hundle at Worcester (2m, soft). THATCHENNIE 23th 2nd of 12 to Bolgher in a conditional lookeys' selling handicap hundle at Leicester (2m, soft), with ARTHURS STONE (16th better off) tailed-off 8th. Selection: HARRY LIME.			

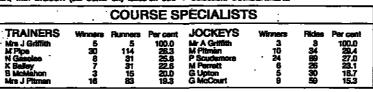
3.00 CULINAIRE CRUDWELL CUP (Handicap chase: £4,464: 3m 4f 180yd) (11 runners)

Long handicap: Glass Mountain 9-10, Bit Of A Clown 9-6.

1991: RUBIKA 8-10-4 M Perrett (13-8 (mv) S Mellor 5 mm

FORM FOCUS

\*WOODGATE best Cool Ground 11/4 in an B-runner handicap chase, over course and distance (good), on perutitinate start. RUBIKA 16/4 4th of 13 to powdr bukly in a handicap chase at Newcastle 4m 15, good). TEAM CHALLENGE best Bornet Bud 71 in a 5-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (5m 22 110yd, good to soft). COMBERMERIE bast Roulardsons Jewels a short head in a 8-runner handicap chase at Towcester (5m 11, soft), with BIGSUN (5b better off) telled-off 5th.



RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN THUNDERER 2.20 More By Luck. 2.50 Inverinate. 3.20 Senator Snugfit. 3.50 Ainsty Fox. 4.20 Cosmic Ray. 4.20 Cosmic Ray. 2.20 Beaucadean. 2.50 Inverinate. 3.20 Senator Snugfit.
3.50 Barkisland.
4.20 COSMIC RAY (nap). 4.50 Lothian Pilot.

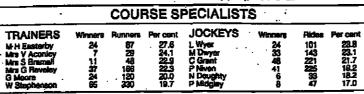
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 COSMIC RAY. GOING: GOOD

2.20 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (21,448: 2m) (20 runners)

1 16/P6P AVEC COEUR 26 (D.G.S) (Mrs M Marvin) R Marvin 10·12·0 R Carson (7)
2 0111/P-P VAIN GLORY 14 (CD.F) (Claimclean (Paseta) Lid) G Moore 7·11·8 N A Stocks (7)
3 5-63333 DANCING DAYS 6 (J Parkes) J Parkes 6·11·4 N Smith
4 30/P1-00 9OLD AD 64 (D.G) (P Lockeron) J Charlton B·10·13 D J Mottett
5 3/083-40 VORKBAY 14 (CD.F) (Mrs S Austin) Mrs 9 Austin B·10·13 D J Bertiley (3)
6 040531 MORE BY LUCK 22 (G) (M Vorthington) Mas 5 Wiston 6·10·11 N Smith
8 0/0000P POWYS PRINCE 22 (W) D.G) (Alherton and Green) J Glover 9·10·10 S D Williams
9 00P-PP8 MAJESTIC GOLFE 14 (R Delton) T Carr 6·10·8 N Leach (3)
10 083-00 SEAUCADEAU 12 (T Sames) M Barnes 6·10·4 F Murtagh
11 00831 GREAT FUN 12 (D.F) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 4·10·4 R Hodge
12 0P4 MANSE KEY GOLD 42 (B) (S Radotiffe) Ř Bastiman 5·10·0 H Bastiman (3)
13 5PP5P/P NIPPER SMITH 28 (D.S); J Sketon) J Sketlon 9·10·0 NON-RUNNER
4 45542 SOVENERON NICHE 8 (N Miller) N Miller 4·10·0 MS Harratt (5)
16 303345 WHAT A CARD 8 (J Bisnchi) Denys Smith 4·10·0 MS Harratt (5)
17 1000P0 BREAK AWAY BRIDGE 25 (B,D.G) (N Miller) N Miller 6·10·0 P Waggott (5)
18 054UP ESCAPE TALK 11F (Mrs E Adair) J Dooler 5·10·0 MS Denys P, Repsi Au
Long Nandicap: Nipper Smith 9·13. Soveteign Niche 9·12 De Valera 9·9, What A Card 9·7, Break Au HURDLE (£1,448: 2m) (20 runners) Long handicap: Noper Smith 9-13. Sovereign Niche 9-12. De Velera 9-9, What A Card 9-7, Bresk Away Bridge 9-6, Escape Talk 9-3. Rostovol 9-2, My Lindianne 8-10 BETTING: 52 Great Fun. 7-2 Manse Key Gold, 6-1 Sovereign Niche, 8-1 Relief Map, 10-1 Beaucadeau 12-1 Dancing Days, 16-1 What A Card, 20-1 De Valera, 25-1 others. 1991; TOPSOIL 9-9 W Marston (6-1) D Wintle 18 ran

2.50 JOURNAL RACING EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,941: 3m 2f 160yd) (13 runners) Long handloap: Broken Brae 9-13. Masculine 8-6.

Europy Institution District 21.0, Mesculine 5.5.
BETTING: 1)-4 Rectreamer, 7.2 Stated Case, 4-1 Fettuccine, Inversete, 8-1 Vestal Halle, 10-1 Secret Finals
16-1 others 1991: SECRET FINALE 12-11-2 R Markey (10-1) J Fort 10 ran



3,30 RANVET MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,506: 2m) (15 runners) BETTING: 7-4 Stevi, 2-1 Gaelstrom, 6-1 Cool Run, 8-1 by Green, 10-1 Zeafous Kitten, 16-1 others.' 1991: SPRINGALEAK 6-11-9 J Osborne (4-5 fav) O Sherwood 25 ren FORM FOCUS

SLAVI completed a double when beating Viceroy
Genn 1½ in a 15-runner a claiming novice hurdle at
Strattort (2m, good).
COCL RUIN 26I 4th of 13 to Senteray in a novice
turdle at Wolverhampton (2m, good) on debut.
GAELSTROM reck 2nd of 24 to Niconoli in a novice
hurdle at Workerhampton (2m, good) on debut.
Satisfaction: GAELSTROM 4.00 VARLEY HIBRS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,266: 3m 1f) (10 runners) 

FORM FOCUS

EASTERN DESTINY completed a double when besting Ashpit 21st in a 15-numer hunter chase, over course and distance (earth, with NOBBANOKIER) and on reappearance. FIDOLERS PIKE 101 2nd of 7 to Abbottama in a novice hunter chase at Newton Abott (3m 21 10yd, firm) on only start isst season. ANOTHER LUCAS best Broad Beam 85 in an 11-numer Open point-to-point at Bishops Court (soft) last month. ARDESEE 441 2nd of 10 to

4.30 EASTGATE NOVICES CHASE (£3,054: 2m) (7 runners)

BETTING: 1-5 Bounden Duty, 6-1 Feather Your Nest, 10-1 Lyph, 16-1 Comtec Prince, 25-1 others. 1991: ROXALL CLUMP 7-11-1 M Richards (5-1) P Balley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOUNDEN CUTY 12 2nd of 7 to Welsh Bard in a novice chase at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good to firm). Previously, best Sherpgan 15th in a 14-naner novice chase at Wolvenhampton (2m, good). CONTEC PRINCE 15th 4th of 8 to Golden Lantern in a novice chase at Kampton (2m, good to firm) won by Young Pokey.

PRINCE 15th 4th of 8 to Golden Lantern in a novice chase at Kampton (2m, good to firm) won by Young Pokey.

CRUISE CONTRIC. 17th 4th of 21 to Counterbid in National Hunt Sat race, over course and distance

5.00 BLACKDOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,174: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

2.0022- RU VALENTINO 318 (F) (Mrs S Jones) J Edwards 8-12-0 N Williamson 85 2-10514 WELSHAMA 25 (F,Q.S) (B Cotion) M Bitanestard 6-10-13 D Gallagher 97 3 35131-5 MEDIAMA 25 (F,Q.S) (B Cotion) M Bitanestard 6-10-13 D Gallagher 97 4 35131-5 MEDIAMA 25 (F,Q.S) (Mrs M Thomilison) M Bradistock 7-10-11 P Hotisy 90 4 35783-6 SAMITH'S GAMBLE 25 (G,S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-10 M Pitman 5 0U1P-PP ADAMAC 38 (F,Q.S) (Miss M Sheridan) P Blockley 9-10-6 M Pitman 5 0U1P-PP ADAMAC 38 (F,Q.S) (Miss M Sheridan) P Blockley 9-10-6 M Megulire 94 7 3838R-0 TORIKABAR 28 (S) (N Coutson-Stevens) G Ham 7-10-4 A Megulire 94 31/3530- EUROCON 402 (F,Q.S) (M Sprit) T Barron 8-10-0 Smith 8-10-1 M Perrett 9-18 31/3530- EUROCON 402 (F,Q.S) (M Sprit) T Barron 8-10-0 F Durwoody 95 10 5-UFSR0 GLEN OAK 10 (B,Q.S) (F Andrews) J Roberts 7-10-0 W McFartend 94 11 0/00000 VISCOUNT TULLY 20 (S) (Furmal Socurities SA) C Jackson 7-10-0 W McFartend 94 13-2513 WATERMEAD 132 (D,P.) J Brown) D Micholson 7-10-0 R Matthews (7) 78 13-2513 WATERMEAD 132 (D,P.) J Brown) D Nicholson 7-10-0 R Matthews (7) 78 15 152-PPS INAVE OF CLUBS 13 (B,G) (H Heughey) P Blockley 5-10-0 S Keightley 98 BETTING: 7-2 Weshman, 4-1 Mediane, 5-1 Smith's Gamble, 11-2 Ru Velentino, 8-1 As Good As Gold, Watermeed, 12-1 Enforme Led, 14-1 Eurocon, 16-1 others.

1991: ROSITARY 8-11-8 M Perrett (3-1 fev) S Mellor 13 ren FORM FOCUS

RU VALENTINO head 2nd of 8 to A Friend Of Mine in a handicap hurdle at Ayr (2m 44, good to firm) on final start test season. WELS+MAN 101 4th of 11 to Colenny Boy in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 41 100x) good), with SMITH'S GAMBLE (2b better off) 141 8th. Previously, best The Widget Man 1/41 (2m 41, good to firm).

MEDIANE best intracid Lass 31 in a 19-runner nov-

Lambourn trainers to switch

TWO former champion trainers, 1 derson has trained for 13 years. Nicky Henderson and Peter Walwyn, are to swap bases in the summer, it

was disclosed yesterday. Henderson's National Hunt team will move the two miles out of Lambourn village to the historic Seven Barrows Stables.

At the same time Walwyn, who trained numerous classic and group winners there — including the 1975 Derby winner Grundy - will switch his smaller string of Flat horses to Windsor House Stables, where HenFor Walwyn, champion trainer in 1974 and 1975, the exchange deal will be a return home — Windsor House was his first training base 31 vears ago.

Walwyn said: "It will be sad to leave Seven Barrows after so many happy and successful years with well over 1,500 winners. But it makes sense to move to a stable which will prove economically viable with a smaller string. The beauty of the move will be the same gallops will be available."

3.20 McEWANS BEST SCOTCH DURHAM NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

BETTIMG: 11-8 Senator Sruggir, 7-2 Norton Warrior, 5-1 Bluff Knotl, 6-1 Tarian Trademark, 8-1 Shepherd's Hymn, 18-1 Bow Handy Men, 33-1 La Plume. 1991: WHAT ABOUT ME 8-10-2 J O'Gorman (11-4 fav) Mrs S Bramall 7 ran

3.50 ROBIN AND JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,511: 2m 4l) (7 runners)

Long handicap: Spy Hill 9-11

BETTING: 13-8 Third Son, 3-1 Barkisland, 4-7 Paymm, 5-1 Pyjamas, 8-1 Ainsty Fox, 20-1 others. 1991: LAURIE-O 7-12-0 P Niven (9-2) Mrs G Reveley 12 ran

4.20 REG BOYLE BOOKMAKER NOVICES CHASE (£1,892: 2m) (14 runners) BETTING: 5-2 Cosmic Ray, 3-1 Reprid Stane, 7-2 Obeliski, 6-1 Terrible Gel, 8-1 Jimmy's Brandy, 10-1 others 1991: MACARTHUR 6-11-10 R Markey (5-4 lav) M W Easterby 14 ran

4.50 GROVE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,351: 2m 4f) (13 runners) 4. DU GROVE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,351: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 PU42-PF BALINGLANCE 65 (R Layland) R Layland 10-11-2 S Mason (7)

2 11 BRACKENFIELD 144 (F) (G Faber) M Hammond 6 11-2 P Niven

3 F000-0P BUSY BOY 45 (R Lamb) R Lamb 5 11-2 N Smith (5)

4 0-PP DISTRICTLY BRAVE 66 (Yorkshire Recing Cub Owners Group) J Jefferson 5-11-2 L Wyer

5 60-PO HIGHLANDMAN 17 (Mrs. H Frascr) J Halders 6-11-2 A Merrigan

6 2000/00 HUMANNEY GAP 17 (J Wiles) P Beaumont 7-11-2 A Merrigan

7 5540 JOCKS BURN 28 (BF) (The Edinburgh Woollen Mil Ltd) G Richards 6-11-2 M Molloney

8 042 LOTHAN PLOT 28 (L1 Commender W Czentord) L Lungo 5-11-2 L O'Hara 99

10 050-B00 SMART PAL 50 (B) (Mrs. J Plument) P Johnson 8-11-2 K Johnson

11 4UP ZILLJO'S-GTAR 17 (J Henderson) J Johnson 5-11-2 C Hawleins

12 08 KERRY TO CLARE 17 (T Gibson) T Gbson 6-10-11 A Dobblin (7)

13 01 THE Wield'Y HORSE 6 (D Stephenson) Mrs. S Smith 4-10-2 J Callaghan

BETTING: 11-8 Brackenfield, 13-8 Lothian Pilot, 6-1 Karry To Claze, 8-1 Jock's Burn, 20-1 others.

BETTING: 11-8 Brackenfield, 13-8 Lothian Pilot, 6-1 Karry To Clare, 8-1 Jock's Burn, 20-1 others. 1991: NO MORE TRIX 5-11-2 G Bradley (11-8 tav) T Tale 13 ran

His trainer Richard Hannon said

☐ Gran Alba is out of the Champion | know exactly what the injury is yet, Hurdle after injuring a leg on the | but it looks like the joint."

Ladbrokes har quoted Gran Alba at 8-1 for the Champion Hurdle but yesterday: "He pulled up lame at | have removed him from their list. exercise and will have to miss Cheltenham. It's highly likely that he will be out for the rest of the season. We don't Street, 7-1 Fidway (from 8-1).

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South Africa pay for wayward bowling in cricket World Cup

# Sri Lankans have a field day

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN WELLINGTON

WHAT next. I wonder? Six days after beating Australia by nine wickers in Sydney. South Africa lost here yesterday to Sri Lanka. In less than a week, they have run the whole gamut of their emotions.

There was no questioning the merit of Sri Lanka's victory. They bowled and fielded better than the South Africans, and paced their innings well enough to get home by three wickets with one ball to spare. Such surprises as this are the very essence of the World Cup, and, for a little while anyway. Sri Lanka can rejoice in a share of second place in the table, even if they have played one match more than all the others.

No Sri Lankan side can have fielded better than this one did yesterday. The South Africans said, before going out to field themselves, that they would be delighted to

Jayasuriya held two splendid catches at short extra cover. Hathurusinghe a stinging one in the deep, and Mahanama threw out Richardson with an exhilarating return. The enthusiasm and confidence were to be seen spreading through the side. Aravinda de Silva, the Sri Lanka captain, described it as one of their greatest wins, and he was undoubtedly right.

Only Kuiper, Kirsten and Rhodes looked at all like get-ting on top of the Sri Lankan bowling. Wessels, who had put Sri Lanka in, batted too long for too few. After 35 overs he had made only 19, and when at last he began to quicken up he was soon caught and bowled. With Kirsten having driven Kalpage, the off spinner, to long-off two balls earlier, South Africa had two new batsmen at the wicket with only 14 overs left and a mere 114 runs on the

They thought the pitch very slow, as they had in Auckland when losing to New Zealand on Saturday. This was not a complaint so much as a submission. A fair degree of improvisation was called for, and on the day the batsman to have the best touch for that was Ranatunga, who came in when Sri Lanka were themselves falling behind the clock and played the match-win- ald's blistering opening spell



Sweeping all before him: Ranatunga, the man of the match, guides Sri Lanka to victory yesterday

ning innings. With seven needed from the last over. bowled by Donald, Ranatunga had the good sense to see that Kalpage was run out off the first ball when a muddle ensued; he lofted the second over wide mid-on for four, took a single off the next, and then kept his fingers crossed. In the event, Ramanayake hit the fifth ball

through the covers for four. Earlier, Mahanama had taken his aggregate for this World Cup to 207 at an average of 69, which puts him at the head of the field. Kirsten comes second with 186 runs, also from three innings. By surviving Donof three for 14 in five overs. Mahanama allowed Ranatunga to find the possibilities he did when he came to the

But in the final analysis, almost as much of a reason for South Africa's defeat as the batting of Mahanama and Ranatunga was the way-wardness of the South African bowlers. Donald bowled eight wides, and there were five other wides as well as four no-balls. This gave Sri Lanka three extra overs of batting. and when South Africa's support bowling tails away as it does, that decided it.

□ Sydney: India and Pakistan meet for the first time in World Cup competition here 128, 5-149, 6-153, 7-165, 8-166,

tomorrow, with India needing to win to keep alive hopes qualifying for the semi-SRI LANKA
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# Irritating omissions spoil view of cup

rates cricket as a important selling point. You have only to gaze at an evening's adverts for the proof. Rod

Marsh appears for a brew-ery, Dennis Lillee has become a carpet salesman. and Max Walker is into dairy products. Allan Border is entrusted only with cricket bats, but doubtless he will try something less obvious when he hangs up

his boots.

The high spot comes every half-hour or so, when the drums roll and on comes the World Cup theme song, masquerading as a commercial for the sponsor. Benson and Hed-

It is an appallingly repet-itive yet catchy tune called

Who'll rule the world?, and it leaves no one in any doubt that this cricket competition is a global event of Sadly, it is not being overed as such. Indeed, there are grounds for hinking that those fortunate enough to have a satellite dish back home in Britain may be receiving a better service than are the

Australians whose interest does not begin and end with their own team. This is not intended to be yet another attack on the stylised match coverage of Kerry Packer's Channel 9. I may be in the minority, among Englishmen, but I

happen to think it works. True, some of the more excitable commentary may be excruciating. There are only a certain number of times any serious armchair viewer would choose to

hear Bill Lawry yell, 'It's all happening here", or assure us that there "a big crowd in", when the cameras tell

Tony Greig can get a shade carried away, too, es-pecially when he mistakenly believes a catch has been taken. But Greig, like it or not, is faithful to a patent-ed delivery and, if you ac-cept his claim to be "rock solid English", then his baiting of Lawry and Ian Chappell is an amusing sideshow.

forthright of opinion and professionally unflustered. mentary is always when he and Richie Benaud are in tandem, although with a team of seven to rotate, this happens less than it should. No, the shortcom-

ings of the World Cup on television do not arise when Channel 9 is covering a game, but when it is not. Unless the entire, expansive roadshow is on site, the match, it seems, does not exist. Channel 9 is showing 15

of the 36 qualifying matches live and in their entirety. This is an impressive operation, so long as one can stomach adverts between each over.

When another game is taking place on the day of a live telecast, scores are given occasionally, but high-lights are seldom shown. Only two of the 13 games staged in New Zealand are being screened in Austra-lia; the rest are virtually

land-based games, other than the visit of Australia, received no coverage whatever. This week's games are given a highlights pro-gramme, though hardly at

a social hour. The South Africans' defeat by Sri Lanka yesterday, which must have been of interest to those who saw their victory over Australia. was shown at 1.25am.

Today's game at Napier fares even worse: the highlights are at 3.55am tomor row — the insomniacs'

How much better it would have been, for everyone concerned with and in-terested in the World Cup, if a nightly package could have been put together, rounding up all the day's news , and

action, interviews. The makers of it would



Chappell: forthright

ing a service in their own country, they would surely have sold the show around preed include whelan

the cricketing world.

If the World Cup here in Sydney has not quite cap-tured the public as might have been expected, however, the prime reason has not been the failings of television but the failings of the Australian team.

Despite being all but pre-sented with victory by a conspiracy of rain and rules, Australia were within a whisker of a third defeat, to India on Sunday. That result would have tested the sporting as opposed to patriotic, fervour of the host nation to the the full.

s it is, yesterday's newspapers were full of confidence that the tide has turned on the strength of that onerun win and last night's television news gave only a cursory mention to a similar thriller in Wellington, which had just finished, before re-running the 24-hour-old final over from Australia's first win.

Watch this space. If England are beaten by Australia here on Thursday, the World Cup may suddenly become a globally important event again.

□ Wellington — Closer political union between New Zealand and Australia stops short at tolerating each other's cricket commentators. Television New Zealand (IVNZ) is broadcasting most games played in Australia and even if there is no home involvement, the company will not take the Australian

Instead, TVNZ's commentators gather in a small room somewhere in New Zealand and try to pretend they are at the Australian however, been fooling home viewers, who are protesting and Barry Shaw, the New Zealand Herald television reviewer. described it as a "crackpot

policy." yesterday.
"Commentating on any sporting encounter when those describing it are not at the venue is about as theatre or music critic to assess a play or concert performance from a video of the production," Shaw wrote. "Is the theatre of sport any different?"

**MOTOR RACING** 

# Kyalami fails the passing test

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN JOHANNESBURG

ON SUNDAY, Nigel Mansell won the inaugural race of the 1992 Formula One season at the Kyalami circuit here. It was a brilliant win, both for the driver and his team, Williams-Renault, in a marvellous setting and the event was of great significance, from a sporting and political perspective. But it was also the most boring race

Not because Mansell sped away so imperiously, leaving an ever-widening gap behind him, but because nobody attempted overtaking the car in front. Twenty-five laps into the race, there had been no movement in the first 12 places. The press room was fast becoming a dormitory and the only hope for change lay in drivers making

It occurred to me that this circuit, rebuilt at a reputed cost of £4 million, was the latest in a series of tracks where overtaking is difficult. There is the Hungaroring, there is Magny Cours, and

now Kyalami. If you add Mo-naco and Adelaide, both street circuits, there are at least five grands prix which could easily end up as motor-cades instead of motor races.

Max Mosley, the president of Fisa, the sport's governing body, conceded that Sunday's race was not a riveting affair.
"But had Senna made a great start, for example, we would have had the very exciting prospect of Mansell doing everything to overtake the Brazilian."

Mosley: tough circuits

Mosley feels that the hunt is more interesting than a lot of cars overtaking each other. There is truth in that: the slow build-up, the ability to choose the right spot, the courage and the intuition to do it at the right moment. The harder the circuit, Mosley claims, the more exciting. Fisa's president is a Queen's Counsel and he makes a convincing argument for the intellectual

approach to racing.
But the public, perhaps, is less concerned. The overtaking manoeuvre that Mansell pulled on Senna, sparks flying, in last year's Spanish grand prix, was compulsive viewing. That, too, is a new circuit, but there is a long straight: homage to the Circuito de Catalunya. And to Silverstone, and to Monza, Imola and Suzuka, Spa and Hockenheim. This is where

the exciting races take place. And it matters not if the best man in the best car streaks ahead. There is still plenty of action behind, as the young bloods take on everybody else. But this did not happen in South Africa. Michael Schumacher, who fourth, should have had fascinating duel, but they drove as quiet as mice.

Fisa has guidelines about width and length and such like. And draft plans have to be submitted. But it seems that the Hungaroring was built before anybody realised that increased braking efficiency and higher speeds would lead to today's problem. Magny Cours did not, it seems, submit much of anything, while Kyalami did, and the lack of a long straight was noted, but the race organisers had sold off much of the land in order to finance the new circuit.

There was not much that could be done to change matters. So now we are getting nearer to the root of the prob-lem. It is not Fisa, which in its quest for improving safety has stipulated that circuits must be slower. It is more a question of organisers trying to make a gallon fit into a pint glass. This is why we get all this twisting and turning, where overtaking is difficult but the financial ends meet. And racing is the loser.

**TENNIS** 

### Cole produces fine display in first round

SEAN Cole produced the best of the home performances in the first round of the LTA satellite masters at Eastbourne yesterday. Cole gained a 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 victory over the South African. Marius Barnard, who is ranked 240 places above him in the world, at 340.

RESULTS: First round: M Petchey (Essen) bt C Beocher (Kent), 84, 63; A Deboni (f) bt W Aritura (Aus), 38, 82, 61; B Cartow (US) bt K UByett (SA), 74, 62 N Broad (unatt) bt I. Matthawe (Hants), 75, 93; R Kosnig (SA) bt J Doher (Swa), 64, 75; S Cole (Surrey) bt M Berned (SA), 75, 38, 61; C Bandi (f) bt D Boses (SA), 62, 92, ret; C Felk (Swe) bt D Gelwald (Swe), 60, 64.

**FOOTBALL** 

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fait \$\text{Ration to factor to morrow's Uefa Cup tie against Genoa.}

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political union to "The fact that Ronnie New Iraland and an Whelan is travelling with us store there at the shows how ridiculous is the each others once; situation in which we have etentator. Irlenses got ourselves into," Souness Realand TV 71 5 - said. "I have too many injury rasting must problems to announce a in Australia and re squad and I can guarantee there is he home my that I will not be in a position ment the comment to name a full complement of

Souness's main problem is Instead INVEST that those players who are सद्भाविक (विकास वाद regarded as doubtful starters HARD SHOT CHOCK IN - McManaman and Marsh Tealized and in torn — are both English. The loss they are at the time of either would further reduce ground the gar in his already limited options. here there where is capable of walking across testing and Burn in the runway will board today's

the New Youldes on flight from Liverpool Airport. televity. Despite the mounting problems, Souness still be-lieves his side, whatever its make-up, to be capable of reaching the competition's

GRAEME Sourcess created a last four. After spending two years with Genoa's neigh-bours, Sampdoria, he understands, better than most, the psyche of the modern Italian "I know how deeply Italians worry about hig games said. "In my opinion, the

and they will be deeply con-cerned at the moment," he whole game is over-analysed in Italy and the Genca players will be feeling the pressure now. This will not prove to be any more hostile than going to say Old Trafford or Goodison Park. It will be different only in so much as they will be shouting in a

foreign language."

A month ago Leeds United were in some danger of being left trailing in Manchester United's wake. Tonight they can go back to the top of the first division by beating Aston Villa at Elland Road (Peter Ball writes).

The previous meeting in November was the occasion of one of Leeds's most compelling performances as they ended Villa's own climb towards the top with a 4-1 win before a live television audi-ence. Although subsequent events have turned Sunday's FA Cup visit to Liverpool into a priority for Villa, the pace of Daley and Yorke may still embarrass a defence missing

the injured Dorigo.
Whitlow is the likely deputy but Leeds have yet to decide whether to retain Cantona. The Frenchman came on as substitute for Dorigo and scored the first goal against Luton Town on Saturday. "As Eric gets to know me better he will appreciate that he needs to do a bit more than simply score to be guaranteed a place," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager: said.



Back in the old routine: Diego Maradona, suspended from playing football by authorities in Italy, gives an indoor exhibition for television yesterday

# Hoddle plans a precedent

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GLENN Hoddle will set a precedent when he plays for the English second division side he is also managing against a team from the Italian Serie B in Caserta, southern Italy, tomorrow. Although player-managers may be common at clubs throughout Europe, at international level they are almost

unheard-of. After almost five months out with a thigh strain, Hoddle, the player-manager of Swindon Town, has survived three reserve games, and he said yesterday: "I will

play at least some part in Italy. I am now 100 per cent fit, although lacking matchpractice."

Hoddle's hand was forced when Andy Awford, of Portsmouth, pulled out of the party with a knee injury on Sunday. Hoddle is determined to play that system tomorrow.

"I was not originally going to play, but with Awford pulling out I have to," Hoddle said. "I want to play this that I play at Swindon. I want to win, but I want to win with

a bit of style. I want people saying we played very well. "After only ten months as a

manager, I regard it as an honour to manage this team. There is a lot of quality in the squad. It is a blend of youth and experience, and people like Steve Bull have played at the very highest level."

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SKIING

# Olazábal ready to lay claim to his kingdom

FROM MEL WEBB IN VALENCIA

utes before? One thing is certain — the bogey-yield-ing Rivero of the 71st hole

was not the rock-solid Riv-ero who had led the field

going into the last day.
"Chema" was leading, and
it was enough to make even

the tough little Madrileno

shiver just a little, just enough, in his shoes.

European victory in succes-

sion in the bag — he had also won the Tenerife Open

the week before - Olaza-

bal was not prepared to be

carried away with the fact that he was not only top of

the European money-list,

but had also overtaken Nick Faldo to go to second place in the Sony world

rankings, and was closing

fast on Ian Woosnam, the leader for the last 49

"It is very tough, very difficult to be No. 1, and anyway, it is not my main concern," he said. "My first task is to look after my game, and be comfortable with it and myself. To get

to the top it is not enough

to be top in Europe or be

No. 1 in the world rank-ings. To get to the top you must win major tourna-

ments. That is my aim." As

expressions of intent go, it

was pretty unequivocal.

The first chance he will

have to end his reputation

as the best player in the world not to have won a

major comes in April, in

the Masters at Augusta. To

that end he will play only

one more tournament in Europe — the Catalan Open at Mas Nou next

week - before flying off to

the United States to play in

the Tournament Players Championship followed, a

couple of weeks later, by a

date with Robert Tire Jones's masterpiece in the

Georgia springtime. Last year Olazabal was second to Woosnam in the

Masters. Now he is second

to him in the world. In

seven weeks' time the roles

could be reversed. It would take a bold or foolhardy

man to bet against it.

Even with this second

LIKE the classic mile runner, José-Maria Olazábal timed his sprint for the line until the last lap was well under way in the Mediter-ranean Open at El Bosque on Sunday. He did not move to the front until he had played 11 holes of the final round, then with ma-jestic contempt defied the pack to come and get him. Not one of them had the

heart or lungs to do it. The £120,252 Olazabal has won this season takes ope alone to almost £1.9 million — more than Sam Torrance, a tour professional for 20 years, more than Mark McNulty, more than Mark James, more even than Sandy Lyle and the Spaniard is not yet a month past his 26th

birthday. Olazabal was once regarded as the man who would one day displace Severiano Ballesteros as the monarch of Spanish golf. Well, for all his preco-cious brilliance, he has not quite done that yet, but the time has almost arrived when the younger man can leave Ballesteros with his claiming a few kingdoms of

He is idolised by the Spanish public. They only had eyes for him on Sunday as he produced a final round of 68 to win his thirteenth European title by a couple of strokes from José

Rivero produced a per-formance on the beautiful and demanding El Bosque course that would have won many a tournament. He might have won this one, too, except for the man who had preceded him on to the 18th green not 15 minutes before.

Like Ballesteros, Olazábal's name alone is becoming enough to freeze the vitals of even the most sanguine of opponents. Who can tell what Rivero might have done on the last two holes had Olazabal not

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobert: New South Wales 217: Teamania 76 and 137. New South Wales won by an innings and 4 runs. Periti: South Australia 201 (J Brayshaw 52; J Angel 4-76) and 270 (Brayshaw 60; A Hildrich 55: Angel 4-97; Western Australia 468 (M Veletta 121, T Zochrer 68; J Langer 70, W Andrews 50) and 60. Western Australia won by 10 wickets.

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FOOTBALL.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Ipswich 5, Resding 1.
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SPORTS POLITICS

# Council heads towards dispute

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE government and the Sports Council are heading towards a dispute over the funding of British sport. The Council is to apply for a minimum 20 per cent increase in its £48 million annual grant for 1993-94 and will feel slighted if it does not get much of this additional money from the taxpayer.

There is resentment among Council members, who are appointed by the govern-ment that, despite the huge amounts of money poured into British sport over the last two years, it has been marginalised with other bod-

ies given the money.

The Football Trust is receiving £100 million over five years to help with all-scated stadiums, the Arts and Sports Foundation is providing £40 million annually for sports projects and, last week, John Major provided £55 million towards Manchester's bid for the Olympic Games.

A Sports Council member said after the meeting yesterday: "We believe in what we are doing and we are con-cerned at the last-minute expediency in the setting up of the Foundation."

Last year, the football pools companies, which were worried that the government would establish a national lottery benefiting sport in general, persuaded the Treasury to agree to the Foundation which the Sports Council feels does not distribute mon-

ey using a national strategy. However, the Council yes terday did confirm that it had applied to the government to be allowed to make grounds of £1.5 million to the development of the national hockey stadium in Milton Keynes and £2 million for a national velodrome as part of Man-

chester's Olympic site. The Council chairman, Peter Yarranton, said vesterday: "The velodrome will provide a boost to Manchester's effort to bring the Olympics back to Britain."

# Market and the second s Phillips to

head team - at Olympics

Captain Mark Phillips be-came technical director of the Spanish equestrian squad for the Barcelona Olympics ISSING 16 yesterday.

Capt Phillips described his task as "a major responsi-

bility".

First for Berz

Golf: The Oxford team for the match against Cambridge at Deal on March 20 and 21 includes Kilian Berz, aged 24, of Germany. He is thought to be the first German to compete in the University match since its inception in 1878.

Schneider's title Alpine skiing: Julie Parisien. of the United States, won the final women's World Cup slalom of the season yesterday. The overall title went to Vreni Schneider, of Swit-

zerland. Rosi defends

Boxing: Gianfranco Rosi wili defend his International Boxing Federation junior middleweight title against Angel Hernandez, of Spain, in Celano, central Italy, on March 25.

Stage managed Cycling: Juan Carlos Gonzalez, of Spain, won the second stage of the Tour of Mallorca

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# Mayhem reigns in Spain

ALTHOUGH this week's European games were looming in Spain, the weekend was dominated by an astonishing clash between Real Zaragoza and Atlético Madrid (Peter Robinson writes). Three players were sent off in the course of Zaragoza's 1-0 win — Tomas Renones and Bernd Schuster, of Madrid, and Javier Aguado from the home side — and 15 further players

were booked. Both Real Madrid and Barcelona won, maintaining the status quo at the top of the table, but Real must be worried about the form of Sigma Olomouc, their opponents this week in the Uefa Cup, who won 7-1 away at Spartak Trnava in the Czechoslovak league.

GOLF

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HOCKEY

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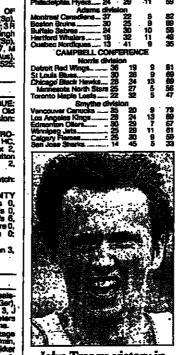
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Women's County Match: Devon 3, Cornwell 0. CYCLING

KUURNE, Belgium: Kuurne-Brussele-Kuurne race (205km): 1, O Ludwig (Ger), Sir (2min 00sec; 2, C Capelle (Fr); 3, J Museauw (Bel); 4, 5 Kelly (rie); 5, P Pieters (Nebt); 6, S Lilholt (Den), all seme time. PALMA: Tour of Majorcs: Second stage (147km): 1, J C Gonzalez (Sp), 3hr, 48min, leac; 2, A Esparza (Sp); 3, D Delder (Nebt), both seme time. Overait: 1, Gonzalez, 5-56.30; 2, A Gutterrez (Sp); 3, K Weitz (Den), both seme time.

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2, Partizari Tirana 2, Elbasani 1; Apcionia
3, Satenica 1; Lushnja 1, Kastrioti 1; Teuta
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17ena, 20, 25: 3, Dinamo Tirana, 20, 21.
ARGENTRIE LEAGUE: Hurayam 0, Racing 0; Newelic' Old Boys 0, Union de Santa Fe 0, Boca-Juniors 2, San Loreszo
de Almagro 0; Piatenas 5, Estudiantes de
la Pida 1; Rosario Cantrol 1, River Plata 4;
Belgrano de Cordoba 0, Deportivo Español 1; Argentinas Juniors 0, Tallares de
Cordoba 1; Cultines 2, Independiente 0;
Girmania y Esgrima 3, Daportivo Handiyu
3, Velez Sarafield 1, Ferro Carril Cesta 1.
BELGIAM LEAGUE: Lolteran 0, Anderlecht 1; FC Litge 4, Alast 1; FC Engus 4,
Lerse 1; RSC Charlerol 1, Carcle Bruges
0; Waregam 2, Ghent 1; Beversa 1, Royal
Antwerp 1; KV Machekan 0, Genk 0;
Germinal Elseren 3, Kortrijk 0; RWD
Molenbeek 1, Standard Liège 0, Leading
positions (after 24 matches); 1, Anderlecht, 36; 2, FC Brugas, 35; 3, KV
Mechelen, 34.
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Pramier division: Abbione Town 2, Dunduik 1; Bray Wanderez 0, Shelbourne 2;
Droghada United 1, Galway United 0; St
Patrick's Athletic 2, Darry City 1; Sügo
Rovers 0, Cork City 2, Leading positions
(after 27 matches); 1, Shelbourne, 42pts;
2, Derry City, 38; 3, Cork City, 38.
BULGARIAN LEAGUE: Locomotiv Plovedor
0, Levrini 0; Silvent 1, CSKA Sofia 2;
Hebur 0; Dobroudig 1, Botte 1; Lolcomotiv
Gorna 1; Beroo 0; Minur 1, Prin 1;
Chemomorek 0, Etta 0, Leading positions
(after 17 matches); 1, CSKA Sofia 2;
Popt 2, Levski, 25; 3, Locomotiv Plovedor
2, Corona 1; Beroo 0; Minur 1, Prin 1;
Chemomorek 0, Etta 0, Leading positions
(after 17 matches); 1, CSKA Sofia 2;
Plater 2, Levski, 25; 3, Locomotiv Plovedor
2, Levski, 25; 3, Locomotiv Plovedor
2, Corona 1; Beroo 0; Minur 1, Prin 1;
Chemomorek 0, Etta 0, Leading positions
(after 17 matches); 1, CSKA Sofia 2;
Plater 2, Cibalis Virikovol 0; Inker

ZEROATIAN LEAGUE: Hask-Gradjanski Zagreb 2, Chalis Vinkovol 0; inker Zepresic 1, Varteks Vanazdin 3; Hejduk Spit 3, istra Puta 1; Celjek 1, Zegreb 0.



John Treacy: victory in Los Angeles marathon

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Dynamo

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Dynamo Caste Budejovice 1, Slovan Bratislava 2, Spartak Trisava 1, Sigma Olomouc 7; DAC Durejska Streda 1, Separta Prague 2, Slavia Prague 1, Banik Ostrava 2; TJ Vitkovice 1, Behamlans Prague 0; Dukta Prague 0, Spartak Hradec Kratove 2; International Control of Chabas 1, Tatran Presov 2; Inton Chabas Doutlons (after 16 matches); 1, Slovan Bratislava, 30pte; 2, Sigma Olomouc, 28; 3, Sparta Prague, 23.

CHICH LEAGUE FC Groningen 1. Ajax. 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV Enchoven. played 25, 43pts; 2, Feyencord, 28, 41; 3, Ajax, 27, 41.

Van Basten: hat-trick

. for AC Milan



SUNDSVALL, Sweden: World Cup: Sision: Final round: 1. J Parislen (US), Imin 19,98sec; 2, P Wiberg (Swe), 1:20.54; 3, K Buder (Austria), 1:21.28; 4, A Wachter (Austria), 1:21.39; 5, V Schneider (Switz), 1:21.79; 8, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:21.92; 7, P Kronberger (Austria), 1:21.94; 8, C Strob! (Austria), 1:22.12. N Bokal (Slovenie), 1:22.12, equal 10, K Andersson (Swe) and A Coberger (NZ), 1:22.13. Overall positions: 1, Kronberger, 942 points; 2, Schneider, 902; 3,C Meris (Fr), 784; 4, Wiberg, 749; 5, S Grither (Austria), 748; 6, K Selzinger (Ser), 685; 7, D Compagnoni (I), 590; 8, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 577, 9, Wachter, 564, 10, M Vogt (Ger), 505. SHOOTING SHOOTING
BUDAPEST: European airgun championstips: Air pistol: Women: 1, J Sekaric (Yug), 488.1; 2, M Grozdeve (Bul), 479.3; 3, M Stein (Ger), 476.6. Britisht 7; C Page, 476.1. Merc 1, B Kokorev (CS), 683.8; 2, S Babi (Rom), 690.3; 3, U Portset (Ger), 678.3. Britisht: 10, M Gault, 577. Tearm: 1, Cls, 1743; 2, Hungary, 1725; 5, Bulgara, 1724; 6, Britisht: 10, Air riffie: Ment: 1, G Makismovic (Yug), 694.3; 2, Y Fedicin (CS), 694.3; 43 (after count-back); 3, P Kurka (Cz), 683.2. Britisht: 19, N Wallace, 597 

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE: Men's tournament: Finet: S Pescosolido (II) bit B Gilbert (US), 60, 1-6, 6-4.

RDUAN WELLS, California: Women's
tournament: Finet: M Seles (Yug) bit C
Martinez (Sp), 6-3, 6-1.

VAUXOHALI INDOOR MEN'S TROPHY:
Fifth round: Bidey 3, Tennis World
Middlesbrough 0; Norman Green Solituli
0, Matchponti Bramhali 3; Corby 0, Melton
Mowbray 3; Hallamshire; Shetfield 3, City
of Nottingham 0; Pune Welvyn Garden
City 1, Clearniaw Brantwood 2; Queen's
Club 3, Deed Lloyd Finchley 0; Devid
Lloyd Essiboume 1, Record Centre
Maidstone 2; Bourne Club Farnham 3,
Pevillon and Alvenue Hove 0; Chris Lane,
Woking 2, Crawley 0; BBC 0, Royal
Berishire 3; Team Excel Bath 3, Europa
Southampton 0; West Hants Bournemouth 1, Centrecourt Cardinals
Basingstoke 2.

MATCHROOM LEAGUE: W Thome (Eng) drew with A Meo (Eng), 44; S Davis (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 6-2; S Hendry (Scol) bt N Foulds (Eng), 6-2. Penafiei 1; Torreense 1, Beira Mar 0; CS Maritimo 0, Benfica 4. Leading positions: 1, FC Porto, played 24, 38pts; 2, Benfica, 24, 38; 3, Boavists, 24, 32.

SNOOKER

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Medrid 1, Sporting Glijón 0; Lografida 1, Seville 0; Deportivo La Coruña 0, Athletic Bilbao 0; Albedets 3, Real Velladolid 1; Real Burgos 1, Cádiz 1; Real Medrid 0; Real Zeragoza 1, Atético Madrid 0; Real Cviado 0, Barcelora 2, Leagling poetitions (after 24 matches): 1, Real Medrid, 36pts; 2, Barcelona, 35; 3, Atlético Madrid, 30. SWISS LEAGUE: Final phase: Neu-châtel Xânax 0, Young Boys Berne 1; Servette 1, Grasshopper Zurich 2, St Gallen 3, FC Sion 2; FC Zurich 2, Lausenne 2: Leading positions: 1, Grass-hopper Zurich, 17pts; 2, Lausenne, 18; 3, FC Sion, 14.

A. Oympawas, 31; 3, Panelmatics, 30.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 4, Verona 0;
Cremonese 1, Barl 1; Florentina 1,
Internazionale 1; Foggla 1, Torino 1;
Juventus 3, Genos 0, Lazio 1, AS Roma 1;
Ac Mains 3, Atalianta 1; Naglies 5, Asacia 1;
Sampdoria 2, Parma 0, Leading positions (after 23 matchies); 1, AC Millan,
30pts; 2, Juventus, 34; 3, Naples, 30.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Chaves 2,
Formatica 0; Estoria 2, Uniao da Madeina
1; FC Porto 2, Farente 0; Gil Vicentte 1,
Boevista 3; Vittória Gorinarias 1,
Salguetros 0; Pacce da Ferreira 2,
Sporting Braga 1; Sporting Lisbon 3,

FRENCH LEAGUE: AS Monaco 2, Csen
1: Carmes 1, Metz 1; Le Havre 1, Toulouse
1; Lile 1, Toulon 0: Lyons 1, Nimes 0;
Montpellier 0, Lens 0: Nency 0, St Etienne
2; Nertes 0, Sochazy 0; Marcellies 2, Aussire 0; Paris Saint-Germain 1, Rannes
0. Leading positions (atter 30 matches):
1, Marcellies, 43pts; 2, AS Monaco, 42; 3,
Paris Saint-Germain, 37.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund
1, Vfl. Bochum 1; Vfl. Stuttgent 1, Dynamo
Dresden 1; Borussia Mönchengledbach 1,
Schalke 04 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 2,
Hamburger SV 1; Nizemberg 3, Kaleensiautern 2; Bayern Munich 0, Cologne 0;
Karistnie SC 3, Stuttgenter Kickers 1;
Beyer Leverkusen 3, Hansa Rostock 0;
SC Wattenscheid 4, Fortuna Düsseldori
1; MSV Duisburg 0, Werder Bremen 0,
Landing positions (atter 25 matches): 1,
Borussia Dorfmund, 35pts; 2, Eintracht
Frankfurt, 33; 3, Vfl 9 Stuttgent, 33.
GRIEEK LEAGUE: Apollon 1, Iraklig 0; GREEK LEAGUE: Apolion 1, Iraklig 0; Ethnikus 1. AEK Athens 1: Doze Drames 0, Pantonios 0; Corinthos 0, Aris Seionica 1; Xarshi 1, Off Ceste 2; PACK Saitonica 2; Larissa 1; Pierikos 2; Olympiatos 5; Pansemalikus 1, Panetrialid 0; Athination 3, Panetrialid 0; Athination (after 22 matches): 1, AEK Athens, 32pis; 2, Olympiakos, 31; 3, Panethinations, 30. TUPIKISH LEAGUE: Adena Demirapor 2, Bekirkoyapor 3; Fenerbahoe 4, Ankara-gucu 1; Gencierbirāgi 0, Alfay 0; Sarfyer 2, Samsunapor 1; Bouspor 0, Aydinapor 2; Trabzonapor 2, Bursaspor 2; Beaktae 2, Gazianierapor 0. Leading positional (after 19 matches); 1, Beaktae, 4604ts 2, Fenerbahoa, 47; 8, Trabzonapor, 39.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Red Star Bei-grade 5, Proteter Zrenjanin C; Vojvodna Novi Sad 2, Partizan Belgrade 1; Zeljeznicar 0, Petister Bitoli 1; Spariali Supotica 0, Budurnost Triograd 0 (Spariak won 4-3 on pens); Radnicki Me 1, OFK Belgrade 2; Velez Mostar 2, Rad Belgrade 0; Zemun Belgrade 3, Vandar Skople 1: Boras Benja Luka 2, Stobode Tuda 2 (4-2 on pens); Suljeets Nijski 1, Sarajevo 0, Leeding positions (after 20 matches); 1, Rad Star Belgrade, 30pts; 2, Partizan Belgrade, 29; 3, OFK Belgrade, 23.

ROWING

# Threat to Somerville

ORIEL and Somerville finished head of the men's and women's divisions in Oxford University Torpids. Oriel finished a length up on Brase-nose; Somerville, whose future domination could be threatened by the decision to admit men to the college,

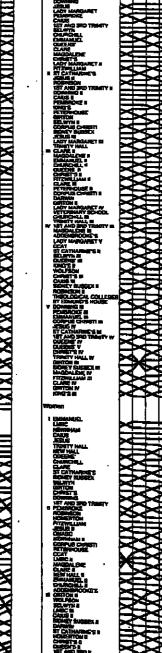
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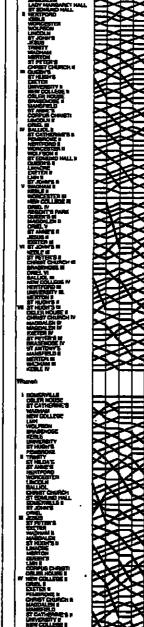
men's eight suffered its first bump since the admission of Trinity Hall held on to the

men's headship of Cambridge Lents. Jesus could get no closer than one length on the final day before falling back. In the women's division, Lady Margaret finished two lengths clear of Emmanuel.

Starting order for Oxford Torpids

Starting order for **Cambridge Lents** 





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**TUESDAY MARCH 3 1992** 

Millichip calls for the return of fences

# Birmingham to face charges from FA board

THE Football Association yesterday acted quickly in Birmingham City for last Saturday's pitch invasion in which the referee. Roger Wiseman, was assaulted by a

Under the regulations re-lating to crowd control and bringing the game into disrepute, the club faces a heavy fine, a demand to play games behind locked doors or even both.

The speed of the FA's actions in receiving and studying the referee's report and of

indication that they must show both Uefa and Fifa, football's European and world governing bodies, that they mean business. The fresh outbreak of ground violence and the re-emergence of nooliganism could not have been more ill-timed with Tottenham Hotspur departing for Rotterdam for their Cup-Winners' Cup tie with Feyenoord and Liverpool for Genoa for their Uefa Cup

Also, with the European championships ahead in Sweden this summer and En-gland's bid for the 1996

# Lineker's fitness concerns Spurs

By Stuart Jones, Football correspondent

TOTTENHAM Hotspur, whose interests are limited now to the European Cup Winners' Cup, may have to gamble on the fitness of Gary Lineker in the first leg of their quarter-final against Feyenoord tomorrow night. The first division's leading goalscorer strained a hamstring on Sunday and is still

feeling the effects. Three other players were hurt during the defeat by Rumbelows Cup semi-linal but Lineker's injury, though slight, is the most worrying. His presence alone is so important that Peter Shreeves intends to wait until the last minute in Rotterdam before

confirming his line-up.
"It is a problem I didn't expect," Tottenham's manager said yesterday. "He felt a twinge at half-time and it has stiffened up a bit since then. He has been in for treatment and will just have to wait and see how he is.

"Gary is confident that he will be okay to play and so am I. Two days' rest should be enough to get him right but, right up till the kick-off." The anxieties over two of the other

casualties, Gary Mabbutt and Nayim, have eased but Terry Fenwick is doubtful. If

he cannot play, Justin Edin-burgh will probably come in. Tottenham are not a oneman band, as some Feye-noord officials might imagine, but Lineker's contribution can hardly be overestimated as scorer of half his team's 36 goals in the League and a third of their 21 goals

in various cup competitions. ism, which kept Tottenham in contention in the mudbath against Forest at the weekend, will be particularly valuable against opponents lying second behind PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch League. Considering Tottenham's woeful form at home, an away goal must be regard-

ed virtually as a necessity. Lineker, although he is habitually the recipient of stern challenges, is rarely absent. Other than being rested for a Rumbelows Cup tie at Swansea City and being granted compassionate leave to tend to his ailing son, he has through genuine injury this season. As long as he is able to maintain his record.

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championships under perusal, the FA is conscious of the renewed fears the St Andrew's riot could engender. Birmingham have 14 days in which to request a personal hearing, which the club will inevitably do. The City chairman. Samesh Kumar, who was quoted afterwards as saying that refereeing decisions had precipited the crowd trouble, has been asked for is

written observations. West Midlands police have given the go-ahead for to-night's home game with Swansea City — a far lower-profile affair than the promoon game with Stoke — to be

played as normal.

One surprising feature of the regrettable return to hoothe regretiable return to noo-liganism is a call by Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, to bring back the fences unanimously removed by clubs after the Hillsborough disaster.

"We must keep the fans off our pitches," he said. "There has been great progress in making security precautions for matches and I think many clubs removed fences when i was not wise to do so. Arrangements between police, the club and other authorities

☐ Howard Wilkinson had a wasted journey to London yesterday when he could have been preparing his Leeds United players for their bid to regain pole position in the first division title race. Wi kinson was at the FA's headquarters at Lancaster Gate to answer a misconduct charge for comments allegedly made to a linesman during the 6-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday

last month. The hearing was then adjourned until March 16 because key witness, the defender, Tony Dorigo, was absent. Dorigo was unable to travel to London because of knee ligament trouble.

Whelan recalled, page 27

### **Families** oppose semi-final

FAMILIES of victims of the Hillsborough disaster yester-day opposed a plan to hold one of the FA Cup semi-finals at the stadium. The Football Association is considering using the Sheffield Wednesday ground as venue for one of this year's semi-finals.

South Yorkshire police are anxious for one of the matches to be at Hillsborough to "remove question marks" over the Liverpool v Notting-ham Forest semi-final in which 95 people died in April 1989. Neither Liverpool nor Forest would be asked to play



Future in his hands: Shilton stands at Home Park, his new ground, yesterday

PLYMOUTH Argyle yes terday followed the example of Newcastle United and turned to a former England

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

captain to lead them out of

of the second division and,

eventually, towards the Pre-

mier League. Springing the latest in a series of

surprisingappointments

this season. Plymouth intro-

duced Peter Shilton, the

goalkeeper capped 125

times by his country, as

their new player-manager.

en charge after a month in

which Plymouth have strug-gled without a manager

after the dismissal of David

Kemp and, in one of those

strange, ironic twists that

seem to happen so often in football, will open his ac-

count for his new club by

meeting his last one. Derby

into management is not un-

expected, his choice of club

is. He has been linked with

Dr Baxter is also delighted

by Carling's willingness to

come back to the school and

talk to the boys, just as he did

on a wet Sunday afternoon a week after England's World

Cup final defeat by Australia.

thing Carling's former house

tutor, John Morris, is particularly proud of. "He told

them what it was like to play at Twickenham. He told

them about the goose flesh

down the back and the heart

pounding. That is what they

The ability of leading players to inspire youngsters was also recognised by Wakefield "We were occasionally

coached by old Sedbergh-

ians, such as those great Scottish forwards J. M. B.

Scott and F. H. Turner, and I

wanted to hear," he said.

This approach is some-

County, on Saturday, Although Shilton's move

Shilton, aged 42, has tak-

gation trouble at the foot

Born: Leicester, September 18, 1948.
Clubs: Leicester City (1986-74), 1948.
Clubs: Leicester City (1986-74), Notlingham Forest (1977-82), Southempton (1982-7), Derby County (1987-1992), Phymouth Argyle (1992).
Appearances: 1,324 (British record): Footbell League 961, FA Cup 82, League Cup 95, other 43; England caps 125 (world record), under-23 13, League X1 4.
League debut: May 4, 1966 for Leicester City (v Everton).
England: Debut: November 25, 1970 v East Germany, Final appearance. July 7, 1990 v Italy (World Cup play-off for third place). Shifton wes involved in six World Cup tournsments.

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Honours: Leicester City: 1969 FA Cup finalists, 1971 second division champions. Notingham Forest: 1978 League champions, 1979 European Cup winners, League Cup winners, 1990 European Cup winners, 1990 European Cup winners, League Cup finalist. 1978 PFA footballer of the year.

Birmingham City and two of his former clubs. Stoke City and Leicester City, within the last 12 months. and yet has opted to accept the offer of a three-year con-tract with one that is, arguably, less (ashionable. Yesterday, however, Shilton was having none of

it. "I see the job as a tremen-

dous challenge," he said. "I like the image of the club. Plymouth has tremendous potential that has never really been tapped. I am ambitious - as I hope my international record has proved. I did not take this decision lightly, but, hopefully, with my appointment people will see that Plymouth mean business."

Shilton's pedigree is sec-

ond to none England's most-capped player, he won a League championship, a League Cup and two European Cups with Notting-ham Forest, was named the Player of the Year, reached a World Cup semi-final and played more than 1,300 League games for Leicester, Stoke, Forest, Southampton and Derby. That total will certainly rise since Shilton plans to continue playing.

However, he will not be taking the field against Derby: a clause in the deal that has allowed Shilton to move means that he cannot play this season against his for-

# South Africa's West Indian visit approved

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

SOUTH Africa's historic first cricket tour to West Indies for one Test match and three one-day internationals in April is expected to be confirmed tonight, after weeks of clearance talks between officials and politicians in both countries. The governments of Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad, the three places where the South Africans will play, are understood to have finally approved the tour.

The South African team will return home from the World Cup for the end-of-season domestic finals before they leave for the Caribbean. Simultaneous announcements in Australia, South Africa and West Indies this evening will disclose that the visit starts with a one-day international in Jamaica on April 7; two more will be played in Trinidad on April 11 and 12; before moving on to Barbados for a Test match, starting on Easter Saturday.

The tour is believed to be financially backed by BSkyB. The attempted organisation has been an open secret-for some time but it remained unclear last night whether the visit would take place should F. W. de Klerk, the South African president, lose the whites-only referendum on March 17 on South Afri-

ca's political future.

De Klerk has said he will

resign if the country's 3.3 million registered white voters declined to back his programme of reforms. Recent polls, though, have suggested De Klerk will win the vote but the uncertainty represents a threatening cloud over an eagerly awaited tour.

Apart from England and Australia's South Africanborn players, no cricketers from the republic have visited the West Indies. On several occasions during the past 25 years, South Africans chosen for private tours, and also a rest of the world XI in the 1960s, have been refused permission to enter the region. Some of the most volatile opponents of apartheid have been in Trinidad and Jamaica. Trinidad, though, attracts the largest crowds in West Indies, Jamaica are the area's champions and it makes sense to stage games in Port of Spain and Kingston.

It is Barbados, though, that will host South African's reappearance in Test match cricket after almost 22 years in the wilderness. South Africa were excluded from official Test matches after a 4-0 series win at home against Bill Lawry's 1969-70 Australian side. The republic's first Test series at home since their reelection to the International Cricket Council in 1991 is scheduled to be against India later this year.

# **England fear the** worst on Lamb

ALLAN Lamb, who was within minutes of playing his comeback game in Adelaide on Sunday, has now been ruled out of England's next match, against Australia on Thursday. It is feared he has torn another part of his troublesome right hamstring.

The regression in Lamb's condition is a severe blow to England, though not entirely an unforeseen one. When they elected to keep on, in their party of 14, a man of 36 whose recent injuries have all been reluctant to clear, it was

Initially, the prognosis was that he would not play for three weeks, so his inclusion on Sunday. 15 days after the injury, was ahead of schedule. But by breaking down again Lamb only proved the point that rushing such a recovery can be counter-productive.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, optimistically called the setback "just a twinge" on Sunday. Yesterday, however, the news was gloomier, Laurie Brown, the physiotherapist, said: "I don't think he is a good bet to play on Thursday. I am hoping that this is just a spasm but it could be another small tear. just above the original one."

Sri Lanka's relief, page 26 Television view, page 26

# **Boycott** is invited

YORKSHIRE have asked Geoff Boycott to serve on the cricket committee under Brian Close, the re-elected chairman, and, although he has refused previous invitations. the county feel that, under the new regime and with their playing prospects rosier than for many years, he will accept (Martin Searby writes). Boycott, who is in Australia

for the World Cup, turned down previous offers because he felt he would be in a minority on a committee which contains most of the

personnel who dismissed him in 1986. "There would be no point in joining a group which would outvote me at every turn," he said last year. "I think the situation is a lot different now and we hope he will accept," Chris Hassell, the chief executive, said after yesterday's meeting at Headingley. The county is to set up a working party to look at further rule changes which may be required after the decision on Saturday to form four new districts with only

# Carling makes a link with the class of '24

By Jonathan Lee

ON SATURDAY, 450 boys will be scoffing their school dinners ready to make a dash for the best seat in front of the television in the seven school boarding houses dot-ted around a quiet Cumbrian

For if "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" lifts the 15 Englishmen in white to a second successive rugby union grand slam, boys at Sedbergh will celebrate a unique achievement by two of their old boys in the more earthy colour of brown.

Both Will Carling, the England captain, and Wavell Wakefield, captain of the side which won the grand slam for England in 1924. and a member of the grand siam-winning team the previous season, developed their game as schoolboys wearing the brown shirts of Sed-

And although almost 70 years separates their school days, they seem to have learned similar lessons from their rugby education. Carling's ability to go forward with the ball is something which impresses Sedbergh's present headmaster,

Dr Roger Baxter, and some-thing Wakefield (later to be-come Lord Wakefield of Kendal, who died in 1983 at the age of 85), was keen to promote back in 1916. "I told all referees to stop the game immediately any-one ran across or ran back." Wakefield wrote in his notes on the school's 1916 season. "It is essential for the future good of the school football that it is stopped absolutely."

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While Wakefield favoured the total commitment that typifies Carling's era, he was

wary of over-training. He blamed a 15-mile cross-country run for missing a tackle against Loretto. This form of exercise did me more harm than good. It made me slow, it made me dislike turning out at all," he said. Dr Baxter believes broadening schoolboys horizons

beyond the boundaries of the

rugby pitch has helped com-bat the overkill which Wake-



A common bond: Carling, left, and Wakefield

more players to pursue the game after they leave school. But with a rugby tradition which boasts 26 full international old boys, including John Spencer, of England, and Mike Biggar, of Scotland, he admits rugby sets the standards.

Elspeth Griffiths, the school librarian, can vouch for that. She faces a daily struggle trying to divert pupils eyes away from rugby magazines towards more ancient words of wisdom. The present rugby master, Neil Rollings, is confident

rugby still holds a prominent position in the school's cul-What memories did ture, "Blokes in brown blazers [awarded for rugby and cricket colours] still have a lot of status in the school," he said. But Sedbergh's passion for rugby is not just reserved for the elite 15 in brown blazers. Every boy in the school plays rugby.
One thing that does seem

to have changed over the years is the style of play. A report in a school magazine in 1916 describes Wakefield as "a fine dribbler" of the ball. But there was no place for dribbling in the running game that characterised Carling's two years in the first XV, during which time they were unbeaten.

Now that Carling is play-ing for England he is inspir-ing those who follow in his footsteps to play an expansive game. "We no longer kick the ball in the air and run after it." Rollings said. Such ideals thrive in the school's remote setting, unless the Cumbrian climate decides otherwise. But it was not just the weather which stopped the 1916 "brown" heroes in their tracks. A match against St Bees had to

be called off because of an

What memories did Carling, who played at both centre and full back for the school, instill in others? "He was a class player. His real ability was to time a pass to put the guy away outside him. He was really magic over 10 yards. He had a blistering change of pace." Morris said.

And of Wakefield, who is said to have played at every position on the field, although most frequently in the forwards? "He could run like blazes," Phil Cooke, now aged 92, who was in the same boarding house with Wakefield at Sedbergh and was also stationed with him in the RAF, said.

Before this term is out, a case recording Carling's achievement is due to be hung in the Wavell Wakefield pavilion next to the school's main rugby pitch. But for now the most fitting tribute would be if Carling could emulate his famous predecessor by lead-ing England to victory over Wales, writing Sedbergh's name firmly in the record